

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

# October 9th, 2022 The Twenty-eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

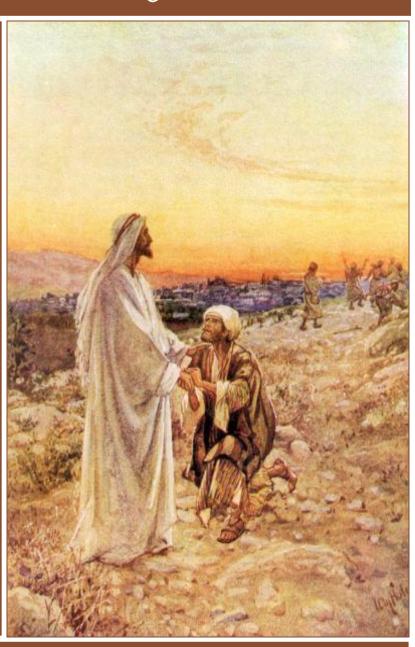
"And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan.

Then Jesus said to him,

"Stand up and go;

Your faith has saved you."

Luke 17: 19



"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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Collections: ~Thanking you for your generosity Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget: \$17,890

Weekly Collection: Sunday, October 2nd, 2022:

Collections from Weekend masses: \$9,437
Collections from Mail: \$3,190
Faith Direct: (125Participants) \$3,203.

Total Collections: \$15,830.

Respect Life Collection: \$1,652

FAITH DIRECT: VISIT SSPJ.ORG CLICK ON FAITH DIRECT

USING SSPJ PARISH CODE: NY232



### Sacraments

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

<u>Marriage-</u>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.

<u>Confirmation</u>-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.

<u>R.C.I.A</u>— 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— Monday1:30pm -7pm

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

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

We have begun live-streaming of the 8am Sunday mass which is available to view on our the 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,

Today we hear the story of the ten lepers who were healed, yet only one returned to Jesus to give thanks. Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP, shares these thoughts:

The lepers in today's gospel story are an unusual group. They consist of Jews and Samaritans, two groups that didn't mix in usual society. But misery and affliction had united them. As someone once said, "Whatever our social ranking, we all shed the same tears." What difference would religion and past grievances make when you are the lowest of the low – a leper? In some ways we can identify with the lepers. We are aware of our need for God, who alone can help us. We all have had our missteps and regrets and can feel separated from others. Our presence at Eucharist today says that we want Jesus' company with us on this stage of our journey....

Ten lepers were made clean, cured of their skin problems, but only one returns to give thanks to the source of his healing. Which causes us to ask: does our faith ever spill over into joyful gratitude and exuberant thanksgiving? ... Gratitude is a gift we give God, a response to what is clear to our eyes: God's forgiveness has cleansed us of our sins. All we can say is, "thank you," as we do at this Eucharist. When we leave this celebration shall we extend to others the forgiveness we have been freely given? Are there people the world treats as lepers we need to reach out to. Perhaps we have healing words for them....

It's not too late! Our Oktoberfest begins this Sunday, October 9th, at 4 pm. Hope to see you there!

Nor is it too late to discern your place as a liturgical minister. We are looking for choir members, ushers, altar servers, readers, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist – each called to serve and build up the Body of Christ. Please contact the rectory to explore possibilities.

This weekend our young ones in both Religious Ed and SSPJ School resume sharing their Mass reflections. Would you perhaps consider joining in our Barnabas Ministry and help by responding to the children's reflections? For further details please contact the Religious Ed office. Thanks!

### And finally:

English lesson:

Tsunami.....t is silent
Honest.....h is silent
Psychology...p is silent
Knife.....k is silent

Wife.....husband is silent

Class dismissed.

I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes. She hugged me.

Peace,

Father Tom

### Mass Intentions, For the week of October 9th, 2022

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Eucharistic Adoration will not be held On Monday, October 10th



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

Andv Alfred Fox Antonette Sabatino Angie Mingione Angela Amoroso Arthur Gureck Austin Rocky Baby Ben Baby Penny Grace Candela Barbara Bombace Barbara Ruland Mattia Rose Lubrano Barbara Sammarco Belinda Groneman Camille Staats Carol Carolyn Nehl Catherine & Jimmy Catherine Smith Claudia Chandler David Beleck David McCue Deacon Ron Blasius Deirdre W. Donna Patrissi Dorothy Mitchell Eleanor Bayley Elizabeth Martin Elizabeth Smith Ellie Walsh Emily Schiaratta Emily Quagliatta Flo Donohue George Fitzpatrick Ginny & John Rief Gregory Parker Helen Ida Jean D'angelis Jack Donohue Jackie & Christine Duffy Jakob King Jamie Accardi Jenny Bonanno Joelle Nicholas John Cronin John DeStefano Joseph Joe Benenberger

Joseph Domizzio

Judy Rampola

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Saturday October 8th	Presider: FatherTom Lector:Burke/Student	9:15am	Theresa Keane
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Sunday October 9th	Presider: FatherTom Lector:Mantia/Dobres EM:Czujko/Kanuika/LaSerra/ Sehne/M.Tully	8am	For the People of SSPJ
	Presider: Father Joe Lector:Cafaro/Suski EM: Amen/Latino/Mulhall/ Sotomayer/Keane	10:00am	Gertrude E. Christy
	Collective Mass Presider: Father Joe Lector:Cashman/Rubano EM:Margaret/Samson/ Consenz	12:00рт	James Hanrahan Jim Erb Bernard Zollo Owen Trivell Michael Kaleita
Monday October 10th	Columbus Day	7:30am	John Blazich
October 10th		9:15am	Kevin Doran
Tuesday October 11th	Saint John XXIII, Pope	7:30am	Walter Drechsler
October 11th		9:15am	Mrs. Cornelia Betanzos
Wednesday October 12th		7:30am	Vera & Vincent Mulvehill& Florence Sexton
October 12th		9:15am	John Moliere
Thursday October 13th		7:30am 9:15am	Mary Jane Foley <u>Collective Mass</u> Adele Kamuda Living~Thomas & Nancy
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Friday October 14th	Saint Callistus, I Pope	7:30am	
October 14th		9:15am	Dolores Murphy
Saturday October 15th	Presider: Father Tom Lector: Dreschler/Student	9:15am	Sharon Rieu-Sicart
St. Teresa of Jesus	EM: Mantia/Sisti/Byrne/ Damato/Drechsler	5:00pm	James Hanrahan
Sunday October 16th	Presider: Father Tom Lector:Willman/Koke EM:Koke/Martin/Portanova/ Ramos/Sehne	8:00am	For the People of SSPJ Parish
	Presider: Father Joe Lector:Contrino/Wos EM:Latino/Rizzo/McKie/ Mulhall/Orlando	10:00am	Winifred Larkin
	Collective Mass Presider: Father Joe Lector: Latino/Rubano EM: Napolitano/ Margaret/Consenz	12:00рт	Nicholas Materdomini Frances Imperiale Gerard Curran Ken Rathjen Craig Wallace

### Altar Memorials for the Week of October 9th, 2022

Our Bread and Wine

Are Offered in Loving Memory of,

James J. Hanrahan

"Happy Birthday in Heaven"

With our love,

Judy & Family



The Pro-Life Rose

Is dedicated to,

James J. Hanrahan

Welcomed in heaven, April 27, 2022

Love always,
Judy & Your loving Family

In celebration of the Season of Creation, SSPJ Students created

"The Burning Bush"

Ex 3:1-12







Listen to the Voice of Creation









# "Danke schön" "Thank you very much" To our Oktoberfest Sponsors

Bierhallen Sponsor ~ \$100.00

John Meringolo, Esq Vivian & John Cordes Anonymous

Nancy Sanders

Genutilichkeit Sponsor ~ \$250.00

The Portanova Family

Pam & John Primavera



Sponsorship opportunities are still available!





SUNDAY ~ OCTOBER 9™
~ 4 - 8 PM. ~

LASS UNS USAMMENKOMMEN

LET'S GATHER TOGETHER







Buffet German Dinner catered by

Villa Sorrento

Saint James Beer Tasting - Soda Beef Goulash with Egg Noodles

Pork Loin with Bacon Apple Cider

Lemon Thyme Roasted Chicken

Bratwurst ~~~ Knockwurst

Potato Pancakes ~ Mac and Cheese

Apple Crisp ~ Ice Cream

Carnival Games for the Kids ~ provided by Camps R Us

Chicken fingers and fries for the kids!

# To Build Up A Vibrant Youth Ministry~ We Need hearts to Offer their Hands of Hope... FIRST MEETING: SATURDAY OCTOBER 15TH AFTER THE 5PM MASS

SSPJ WELCOMES BACK YOUTH MINISTRY GATHERINGS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 2022 DURING AND AFTER THE 5PM MASS



### "SSPJ Youth Group"

We have some exciting news - SSPJ is restarting our Youth Group Ministry under the leadership of Dom Avento once again.

Our Youth Group will have their first;
Family "Pizza Night and Games" activity following the 5:00 PM Mass on October 15th in the Parish auditorium.

All families are welcome to attend.

All students in high school are especially invited for fun and socializing, and to experience Youth Group. Great Youth Group activities are being planned.

We are also looking for adults to help assist in our Youth Group leadership team. This is a perfect opportunity for young adults to participate in ministry and to help guide younger students going through high school.

If you are interested, please contact Dom Avento at davento@sspj.org for more information

SSPJ SCHOOL AND SSPJ PARISH EXPRESS A VERY SPECIAL THANKS
TO:

NEWTON SHOWS `for adorning the Monte Building with a special celebratory sign marking the 100th Anniversary of SSPJ School!

SSPJ SCHOOL WELCOMES ALL NEW REGISTRANTS TO GRADES NURSERY THROUGH 8TH GRADE!





### SSPJ Centennial Comedy Night

Sponsored by Catholic Health Services



Friday, November 25, 2022 Doors open at 7 PM ~ show starts at 8 pm \$35 per person, <u>Adults Only</u>



Soda ~ Water ~ Hot Pretzels ~ Snacks available for purchase 50/50 Raffle

Name:	
	Tickets @ \$3500 each
	Total: Cash Check

### Make checks payable to SSPJ School

Mail/drop off at SSPJ School, 359 Clinton Ave., St. James, NY 11780 OR Place in the collection basket at Church OR Place in the mail slot at the Parish Center. Thank you. 100 YEARS OF EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN

ALL ARE INVITED

SSPJ SCHOOL EARLY CHILDHOOD OPEN HOUSE

NURSERY, PRE-K KINDERGARTEN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

2-4PM

SSPJ SCHOOL

### SSPJ Early Childhood Open House Nursery, Pre-K & Kindergarten

Saturday, October 22, 2022 2 pm - 4 pm



Come see all the good things SSPJ has to offer!



### STS PHILIP AND JAMES GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2111 NEEDS YOUR HELP



### Items needed:

- · Reusable Shopping Bag and Stuffing
- · Pie crust mix (no pre made crusts)
- · Dessert (corn muffin mix, cake and frosting, cookie mix, etc.)
- · Cranberry Sauce
- · Mashed potato mix
- · Gravy (cans or packets, no glass),
- 1 can yams
- · 1 carton of shelf stable milk
- · 1 can of pumpkin
- · 4 cans of vegetables (corn, carrots, mixed veggies, etc.)
- 4 cans of fruit (applesauce, mixed fruits, etc (no fruit cups.)

OR \$20.00 Donation

OR \$25 Grocery Store Gift Card (to purchase a turkey)



### Please share this with your friends, families, and neighbors.



Thanksgiving Donations will be accepted at SSPJ Bethany Center on Thursday 11/3 ONLY.

(For other drop off arrangements PRIOR TO 11/3 ONLY, please see below.

Multiple Donations will be accepted. All checks made out to "Troop 2111".

Drop off location(s): please call with any questions. (201) 240-6414

1 Park View Lane, Lake Grove and 19 Weatherstone Way, Smithtown.

Thank you!

### SSPJ Guild Presents the 6th Annual Trunk or Treat!



### Welcome Parishioners!

### Celebrate the season and support SSPJ

When: Friday, Oct 21, 2022 from 5:30-7:30 pm

Where: SSPJ back parking lot

Limited tickets will be available at the door

Sweet treats to purchase!

Forms and payments should be returned to

School Office or Rectory Mail Slot by Oct 13

Attn: Trunk or Treat Event

Our family would love to just trunk or treat. Please send us tickets @ \$5 each

Tickets can be picked up at the event with a special trick or treat bag!

(You must have a bag to participate!)

### A Music Ministry Note~

### Everyday thanks...

Do you thank God every day? Today's theme is thanks. Jesus cured 10 leapers but only one said thank you and to Jesus surprise it was a Samaritan, a foreigner. Begin and end each day with a thank you to God for all he has done and continues to do for us. Our Gathering hymn, Sing of the Lord's Goodness is a praise song that thanks God for all his many blessings.

October is the month of Mary so 2 weekends in the month you will hear a Mary hymn either sung by the choirs or as part of our congregation hymns. This week the Communion hymn is Hail Mary Gentle Woman. Together let us pray and sing this hymn to Mary.



Parish Social Ministry~

All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance

All are invited to join us for the,

All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance

On Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022

At 7pm in the church

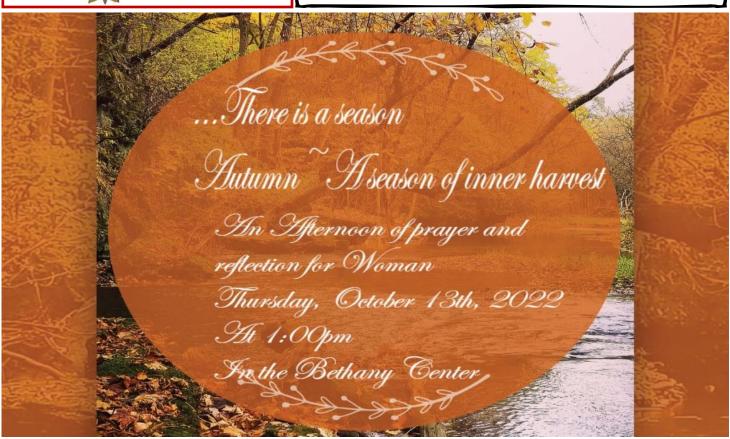
As we pray for our beloved deceased.

At this Mass we will remember in a special way our dear ones who have died between

September 1, 2021 and August 31, 2022.

Light reception to follow in the auditorium

**ALLARE WELCOME** 





### Did You Know?

### Questions That Catholics Ask



The Paschal mystery remains the focal point of salvation: that the innocent one bears away the world's guilt. Lamb of God, or *Agnus Dei*, has come to be a familiar liturgical formula referring to Jesus. This is interesting, as the term only occurs twice in the New Testament, and not at all in the Old.

Of course, sheep and lambs are pervasive images in both Testaments, as you would expect in an agrarian culture. Lambs were essential to the religious sacrifices of Israel, including the centrally significant Passover lamb whose blood marked the doorposts and lintels of Hebrew houses in Egypt on the night when the angel of death passed over the land. Yearling lambs were also sacrificed at Israel's priestly ordination rites, and lambs served as peace offerings and sin offerings as well. It's clear from the earliest usages that the blood of lambs had special authority as a sign of God's protection, guidance, and forgiveness.

In the prophecies of Isaiah, the theology is advanced. Isaiah sees the lamb as an innocent and vulnerable animal, gentle and peace-loving. Contrast it with the lion, wolf, or bear, always in search of prey. In the songs of the faithful servant, Isaiah envisions the servant as a lamb led to slaughter, bearing the guilt of many without protest.

These early Hebrew understandings of the lamb's role in purifying the community of sin, and in making peace between the people and God, certainly contributed to John the Baptist's meaning when he identifies Jesus to the crowds: "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" In John's gospel, this phrase is in the Baptist's mouth twice. From that same Johannine community emerges the image of the victorious Lamb of Revelation, who sits at God's throne and illuminates the New Jerusalem as its sole source of light.

It's no wonder that, when Philip the deacon encounters the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts, the man is puzzling over Isaiah's references to the lamb led to slaughter and trying to pierce the mystery. Why would God send a lamb to do the work of communal restoration? Why indeed? The Paschal mystery remains the focal point of salvation: that the innocent one bears away the world's guilt.

So we sing of this mystery in the Gloria at Mass, and in the three-fold "Lamb of God" before communion. "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world," the priest intones. "Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb."

**Scripture:** Exodus 12:3-9; Leviticus 3:6-11; 4:32-35; Isaiah 11:6; 53:7; Luke 10:3; John 1:29, 36; 21:21:15; Acts 8:32; 1 Peter 1:19; Revelation 5:6-13; 7:9-17

**Books:** At the Supper of the Lamb: A Pastoral and Theological Commentary on the Mass, by Paul Turner (Liturgy Training Publications, 2011)

The Lamb and the Beasts, by Stephen J. Binz (Twenty-Third Publications, 2006)

E-Resource: Website "Art and Theology: revitalizing the Christian imagination through painting, poetry, music, and more <a href="https://artandtheology.org/tag/agnus-dei-lamb-of-god/%20">https://artandtheology.org/tag/agnus-dei-lamb-of-god/%20</a> " - Don't miss Victoria Emily Jones' articles on liturgical art. And please, enjoy a hymn or two.

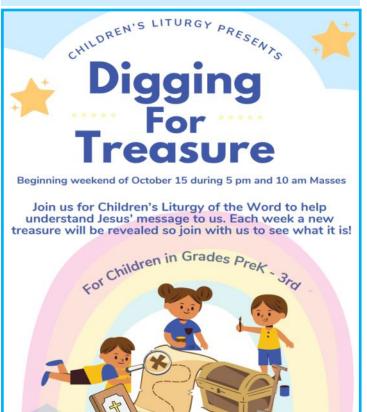
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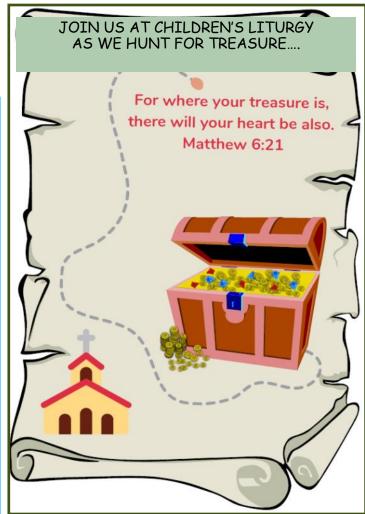
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DID YOU HEAR THE GREAT NEWS?

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD BEGINS

AGAIN NEXT WEEKEND!!! HOORAY!









### **Parish Social Ministry**

We Remember...



FLORENCE TULLY MARIANNE M. BLAZICH

Safely home in the arms of Jesus...



Our Food Pantry Needs:

**Hormel Chili Hormel Corned Beef** Hash

### RESPECT LIFE BABY SHOWER DURING THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 22ND AND 23RD









The Respect Life Committee invites everyone to donate to their Baby Shower on the weekend of Oct. 22nd/23rd.

Please bring all donations to members of the committee who will stand in front of the Rectory Office building: • 1 Carow Place

All baby items are needed: clothing new or gently used birth to 5 years, including shoes, new or gently used strollers, car seats. (Please check the back for current date). Also needed are diapers newborn to size 4, bath items (shampoo, powder, baby bathtubs, towels, wash cloths, lotions) formula, teething items, baby bottles, baby foods, and whatever items that the moms could use to care for their little ones. Thank you for your generosity Please call 631-862-9370 with any guestions

### Helpful Phone Numbers~ YOU ARE NEVER ALONE

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

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 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

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 Lady's Rosary Makers

The month of October each year is dedicated

to the Most Holy Rosary.

This is primarily because the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October

In her apparitions to various saints, the rosary, a devotion which Our Lady loves most, she has asked us

to pray it frequently, and if possible, daily

Mother Mary, Mother of the Church, Queen of families, Queen of Peace: through your loving maternal intercession, may we get closer to God, may we fall in love more with Jesus, may we help a lot of souls during this month of October by praying the Holy Rosary daily. Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us!

### Sister T's Reflection~

Dear Friends,

As we start to put away summer clothes and hunt for our winter attire, I couldn't help but think not only of the change in clothing, but also the change in seasons. We are headed into Fall. I love the colors that nature dresses itself in!

During a recent drive, I was reflecting on something that our Business Manager here at Saints Philip and James, Virginia Portanova, posted on her Facebook page. I was so inspired by it that I wanted to share with you. The photo is also from her garden!

Her opening quote is in bold. It is followed by a deeper reflection of it:

There is peace to be found in every phase of our lives... timeless beauty to be admired rather than discarded and tossed aside. Each cycle offering grace, a hope in new growth, elegance and beauty in full bloom, wisdom and seed for new beginnings, quiet stillness to reflect and ponder what we feed to grow. Honor every cycle as it steps into your journey.

Our lives are harmonious with the changing seasons of nature. We cannot make it through the cold dark winter by tearing off the pages of the calendar. We need to live purposefully during each of the seasons.

Life is full of twists, turns, joys, and sorrows, and we learn that life always goes on. Spring blossoms into summer. Summer reaps the fall harvest. We gather in the fall to survive the winter. We take the time that winter offers to reflect, nurture, and spring forth with new hope.



As we enter the beautiful season of autumn, let us gather the harvest. How did we grow this summer? Did we nurture friendships, create memories with family? Did we use our abundant harvest to serve others? This season, we reflect on what we are grateful for; we give thanks to God for all things, and we prepare for the season of winter.

During the dark, cold, lonely days of winter, we use the time for self-care. Just as we cover ourselves with warmer clothing and blankets, we need to be covered in God's care and love for ourselves. We use this time to reflect on what we need to nurture, to plant the seeds for spring. Do we need to grow more patience? Fertilize compassion and empath? Water kindness? We reach deep within our souls to draw out the goodness and love of Jesus, so we can allow His love to sprout out into the world around us!

Beautiful spring comes after, when the days are longer and light helps growth. We now prune and trim what grew out of darkness. We are anxious and sprouting out of control with joy and hope! We need to trim back and tame our enthusiasm, to concentrate on what we can do and do well. While we would love to do it all, that will only leave us exhausted with growth in many areas but few real blooms. Choose a few areas to nurture, weed, and fertilize, and you will see them blossom fully.

Now enjoy the full bloom of summer. Allow love to shower the world around you. Be carried away on the winds of change. Allow the ocean waves to wash away all that burdens us, holds us down, and doesn't promote growth.

And just like that, we find ourselves a little older, standing a bit firmer. Maybe a few pounds heavier, with added wrinkles and gray hairs of wisdom. We ponder and look back at the memories of summer, and we praise God for the great harvest.

Live in the presence of each season of your life. Don't count the years – make the years count! Find within you the laughter of a child... the hope of new beginnings... the wisdom of maturity... and the peace of God. Look in the mirror and marvel at the beauty of your life. May mercy, grace, love, and kindness be revealed in your harvest!

What is the harvest you are reaping? What makes you grateful? What are you thanking God for? (V.Portanova)

Where are you in this beautiful cycle? Take the time to ponder it this week.

Till Next Week, Sister T



10/5/22

"Familiarity with God can melt doubts and fears in a gentle way... It is said that two spouses who have lived together for so long loving each other end up resembling each other. Something similar can be said about affective prayer: in a gradual but effective way it makes us more and more able to recognize what counts through connaturality , as something that springs from the depths of our being." Pope Francis

### **WELCOME BACK SSPJ RCIA MINISTRY**

REMEMBER any person who many want to learn a little more about their faith is welcome to join. We meet in the Saints Philip and James Room Sundays at 9 am and then attend the 10 am Mass. More information as time marches on. Sister Theresita and the RCIA team.

9-Oct	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	NO CLASS Columbus Day Weekend
16-Oct	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	What is Faith?
23-Oct	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	The Holy Trinity
30-Oct	31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Jesus Christ

### DO NO HARM

A new series of federal regulations undermines Catholic

institutions and harms the common good.

Please visit: WWW.USCCB.ORG/do-no-harm

For centuries, the Church's ministries of healing, education, and social services have borne witness to Jesus Christ and built up the common good. Church institutions are not merely NGOs. They are expressions of Christian ministry dedicated to human flourishing. Most Americans understand that mission-driven organizations should be free to operate in accordance with their missions. But a cascade of changes to current regulations is being adopted by various executive agencies that would prevent Christian ministries—and others—from carrying out their work, harming the public who benefits from them.



### Act Now! Tell the Federal Government to Do No Harm to Catholic Health Care Ministries

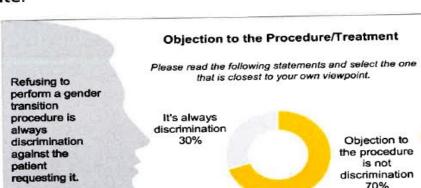
The Church's ministries of healing, education, and social services bear witness to Jesus Christ and build up the common good. Church institutions are not mere providers of social services. They are expressions of Christian ministry dedicated to human flourishing. We serve all people, without regard to race, sex, religion, or any other status, because God has imbued every person with inherent human dignity. Most Americans understand that mission-driven organizations should be free to operate in accordance with their missions. But a recent rule proposed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) would prevent Catholic hospitals, clinics, assisted living facilities, and health care workers from carrying out their work. HHS needs to hear your opinion by October 3rd! Visit <a href="https://www.usccb.org/do-no-harm">www.usccb.org/do-no-harm</a> to learn more.

### **New Unjust Mandates from HHS**

The HHS rule implements the nondiscrimination provision of the Affordable Care Act, Section 1557. It protects people from discrimination on the basis of their sex in health care. But HHS interprets Section 1557 to impose new mandates about gender identity. According to the new rule, it would be considered discrimination for a health care worker or Catholic hospital to object outright to performing gender transition procedures, regardless of whether that objection is a matter of religious belief or clinical judgment. The proposed rule also suggests that the government may refuse to honor the right of health care workers and providers not to perform or participate in abortions. The proposed HHS Section 1557 rule could function as both an abortion mandate and a gender transition procedure mandate.

### Objection to gender transition is not discrimination.

All people should be treated in accordance with their God-given dignity, and no individual should be denied health care because of his or her sex. Most people understand that when medical professionals determine gender transition procedures—such as the administration of puberty blocking drugs or surgery to remove healthy body parts—to be harmful, they are making clinical judgments, not discriminating against persons. A study commissioned by the USCCB found that 70% of registered voters recognized that objection to the procedure is not discrimination.



If a doctor would prescribe a transgender patient antibiotics for strep throat but would not perform a gender transition procedure for him, that's not discrimination. It's an objection to the procedure, not to the person.

### DO NO HARM: CONTINUED

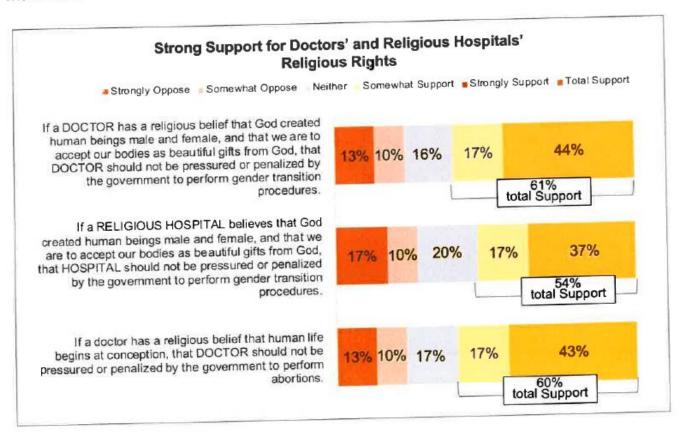
# A new series of federal regulations undermines Catholic institutions and harms the common good.

## No protections for health care workers to oppose abortion and gender transition procedures.

Although the proposed regulations say that HHS will consider whether conscience and religious freedom laws apply, the regulations offer no assurance that HHS will ever agree that anyone has the right to follow their beliefs or convictions. In fact, HHS is currently fighting court rulings that hold that HHS violated religious freedom laws the last time they tried to impose this mandate.

# Health care workers and religious facilities must be free to conscientiously object to these procedures.

Pope Francis has frequently defended the rights of medical professionals to conscientiously object to harmful procedures. Most people agree with the Church on this issue.



### Take action!

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is vigorously opposing the provisions in the rule that do harm to life and religious liberty. All Catholics and people of good will can help. Visit <a href="https://www.usccb.org/do-no-harm">www.usccb.org/do-no-harm</a> to learn more about this and other harmful regulations, and find out how you can take action to let the government know you oppose them.

### My Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 1-3

For the: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, October 9th, 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

Saturday, October 15th or Sunday, October 16th, 2022



### The Gospel Message:

As Jesus was on a journey to Jerusalem, in a town called Samaria, he was met by 10 Lepers.

A Leper is known as someone who is suffering from a painful and awful disease called Leprosy.

The Lepers asked Jesus to have pity on them and heal them. They were all cleansed of their illness. Only one of the Lepers returned to Jesus to thank God for this miracle.

What would you say to Jesus, if you were one of the Lepers that was suddenly healed?

Dear Jesus,
Sometimes I
forget to say
thank you to
you.

For that I am sorry. You are always next to me ready to help me get up on my feet and walk.

Thank you for all the miracles you show me everyday.

Amen



### One leper returns to give Jesus thanks! Luke 17:11-21



### Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 4-6

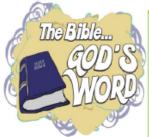
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Saturday, October 15th or Sunday, October 16th, 2021

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Why do you think that only one person came back to Jesus to say thank you after being healed?
Who in your life does special things each day so that you are happy, healthy and safe?
Have you thanked them?  Have you thanked Jesus for blessing your life with them?
If not, its never too late to give a hug and say I love you and thank you!

Dear Jesus,

Thank you. There are so many gifts you bless me with and sometimes I forget to say

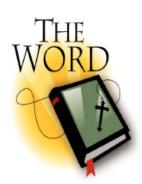
Thank you for loving me. Thank you for all the people in my life that love me too.

Amen

# Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 7-8 For the: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, October 9th, 2022 Grade: SSPJ SCHOOL

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

Saturday, October 15th or Sunday, October 16th, 2021



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### We thank you Lord

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healed by Jesus. What do you do next?	
Why do you think that the 9 Lepers did not return to express their joy and thanks to God	l fo
this healing?	
Putting yourself in this gospel story, what would you do with your life after being heale	d of
his awful disease?	,

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### Let Us Pray,

O Lord, you graciously pour out your blessings on us. Your gifts surround us.

Our lives are a gift from you God, and the time that we have been given on this earth belongs to you. We are stewards, and caretakers of the time you have given us, please guide us to see and live your will as loving Christians. Amen

### Reflecting and Preparing for Next Weeks Gospel~ October 16th, 2022 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# God News INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

### 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Exodus 17:8-13 Psalm 121:1-8 2 Timothy 3:14--4:2 Luke 18:1-8

Monday October 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch Ephesians 2:1-10 Ps 100:1b-5 Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday October 18 St. Luke 2 Timothy 4:10-17b Ps 145:10-13,17-18 Luke 10:1-9

Wednesday October 19 Sts. Isaac Jogues and John de Brebeuf & co. Ephesians 3:2-12 Isaiah 12:2-6 Luke 12:39-48

Thursday October 20 Ephesians 3:14-21 Ps 33:1-2,4-5,11-12,18-19 Luke 12:49-53

> Friday October 21 Ephesians 4:1-6 Ps 24:1-6 Luke 12:54-59

Saturday October 22 Ephesians 4:7-16 Ps 122:1-5 Luke 13:1-9 In our Gospel reading, God promises to secure the rights of his faithful ones who seek his justice. When we're abused, neglected, rejected, betrayed, or falsely accused, God comes to our rescue. And speedily, he says! What? He's not helping you fast enough? Is he break

enough? Is he breaking his promise with you?

Although God often seems way too slow, whether it takes months or years (and it often does) before your problem gets resolved, Jesus is in fact at your side immediately delivering you from evil, in the very moment you begin to cry out to him.

The real question is not "Where is Jesus?" nor "Why doesn't he care enough to help me sooner?" The question that matters — for the healing of our souls — is stated in the last sentence of this Gospel passage: As he's arriving to help us, do we greet him with faith? Or is fear

spinning our minds in such turmoil that we don't see him as he stands right next to us offering a helping hand?

If we're not living by faith, we inadvertently expand our problems. Are you feeling miserable after calling upon God for help? Look! Jesus is at your side begging for your trust. Are you feeling frustrated because God is not removing the obstacles you're facing? Look! Jesus

wants you to follow him in a direction that's different than where you think you should go.



We all have adversaries. Jesus is wielding his sword of truth against the spirits of darkness who are working against us; he is driving them away. But if we reject the truth he wields, his sword is no help.

What about the troublemakers who continually annoy you? When our eyes are on them instead of on Jesus, we miss the healing that he's offering to us as vindication.

When we live by faith, we experience God's vindication every day, even while injustices continue. We experience it in our hearts as we receive his peace and his patience and his endurance.

### Reflect & Discuss:

- What injustices are frustrating you today? What evil is being done against you?
- 2. What will you do right now to be a faith-filled follower of Christ? What action will you take to conquer your fears and choose to give God your trust?
- Describe an injustice that you recently witnessed or experienced. What shocked and dismayed you the most about it?
- 4. What is fearsome about it? And what does trust for the Lord encourage you to believe about it?

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### Spiritual Reflection by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

### WRITING YOUR OWN OBITUARY

There comes a time in life when it's time to stop writing your resume and begin to write your obituary. I'm not sure who first coined that line, but there's wisdom in it.

What's the difference between a resume and an obituary? Well, the former details your achievements, the latter expresses how you want to be remembered and what kind of oxygen and blessing you want to leave behind. But, how exactly do you write an obituary so that it's not, in effect, just another version of your resume? Here's a suggestion.

There's a custom in Judaism where as an adult you make out a spiritual will each year. Originally, this will was more in line with the type of will we typically make, where the focus is on burial instructions, on who gets what when we die, and on how to legally and practically tie up the unfinished details of our lives. Through time, however, this evolved so that today this will is focused more on a review of your life, the highlighting of what's been most precious in your life, the honest expression of regrets and apologies, and the blessing, by name, of those persons to whom you want to say a special goodbye. The will is reviewed and renewed each year so that it is always current, and it's read aloud at your funeral as the final words you want to leave behind for your loved ones.

This can be a very helpful exercise for each of us to do, except that such a will is not done in a lawyer's office, but in prayer, perhaps with a spiritual director, a counsellor, or a confessor helping us. Very practically, what might go into a spiritual will of this sort?

If you are looking for help in doing this, I recommend the work and the writings of Richard Groves, the cofounder of the *Sacred Art of Living Center*. He has been working in the field of end-of-life spirituality for more than thirty years and offers some very helpful guidance vis-à-vis creating a spiritual will and renewing it regularly. It focus on three questions.

First. What, in life, did God want me to do? Did I do it? All of us have some sense of having a vocation, of having a purpose for being in this world, of having been given some task to fulfill in life. Perhaps we might only be dimly aware of this, but, at some level of soul, all of us sense a certain duty and purpose. The first task in a spiritual will is to try to come to grips with that. What did God want me to do in this life? How well or poorly have I been doing it?

Second: To whom do I need to say, "I'm sorry"? What are my regrets? Just as others have hurt us, we have hurt others. Unless we die very young, all of us have made mistakes, hurt others, and done things we regret. A spiritual will is meant to address this with searing honesty and deep contrition. We are never more bighearted, noble, prayerful, and deserving of respect than when we are down on our knees sincerely recognizing our weaknesses, apologizing, asking where we need to make amends.

Third: Who, very specifically, by name, do I want to bless before I die and gift with some special oxygen? We are most like God (infusing divine energy into life) when we are admiring others, affirming them, and offering them whatever we can from our own lives as a help to them in theirs. Our task is to do this for everyone, but we cannot do this for everyone, individually, by name. In a spiritual will, we are given the chance to name those people we most want to bless. When the prophet Elijah was dying, his servant, Elisha, begged him to leave him "a double portion" of his spirit. When we die, we're meant to leave our spirit behind as sustenance for everyone; but there are some people, whom we want to name, to whom we want to leave a double portion. In this will, we name those people.

In a wonderfully challenging book, *The Four Things That Matter Most*, Ira Byock, a medical doctor who works with the dying, submits that there are four things we need to say to our loved ones before we die: "*Please forgive me*," "I forgive you," "Thank you," and "I love you." He's right; but, given the contingencies, tensions, wounds, heartaches, and ups and downs within our relationships, even with those we love dearly, it isn't always easy (or sometimes even existentially possible) to say those words clearly, without any equivocation. A spiritual will gives us the chance to say them from a place that we can create which is beyond the tensions that generally cloud our relationships and prevent us from speaking clearly, so that at our funeral, after the eulogy, we will have no unfinished business with those we have left behind.