

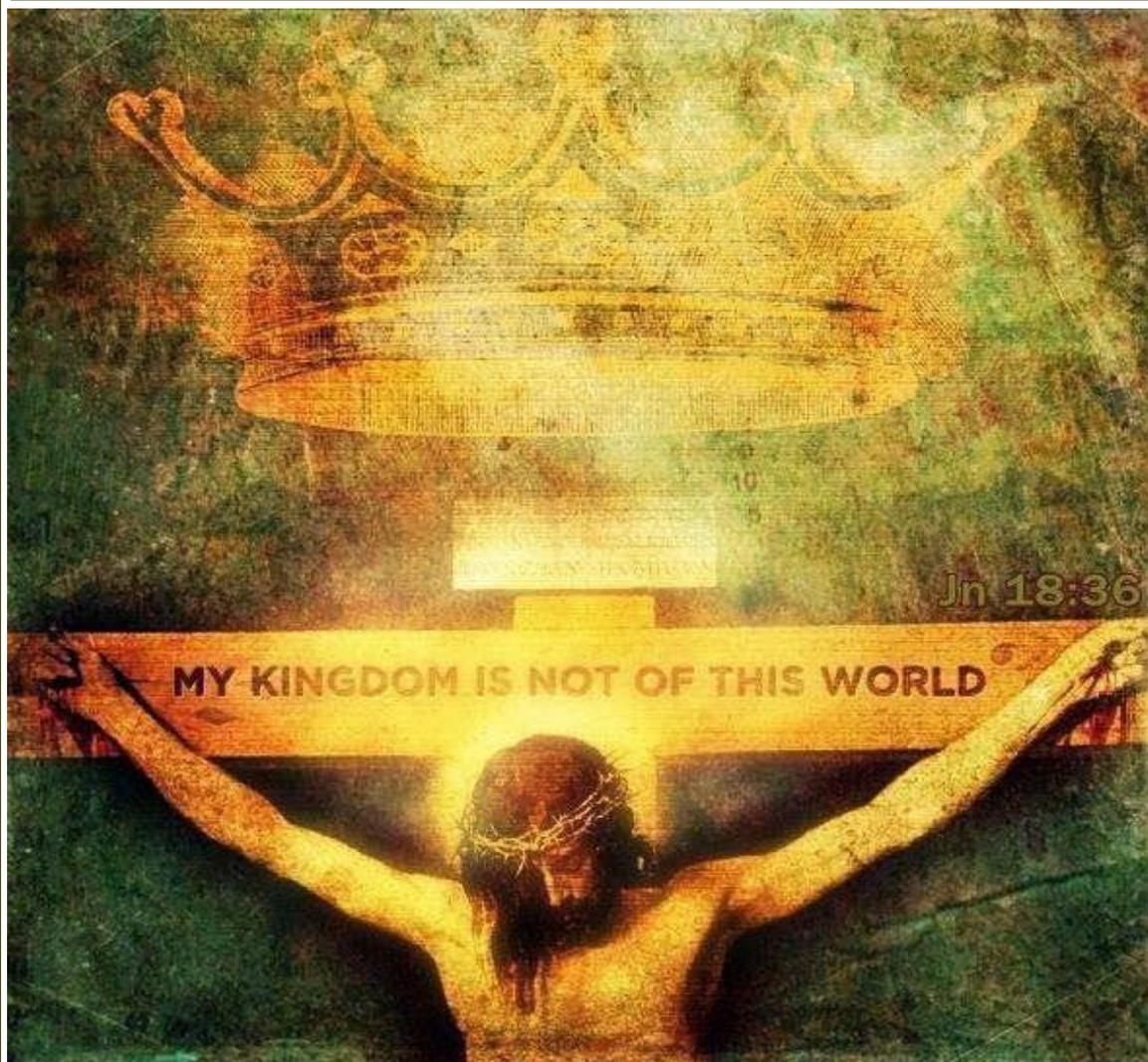


The Parish of Saints Philip and James

1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

631-584-5454

November 21st, 2021
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe



"Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Mark 18:37

*"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

Parish Center Phone: 631-584-5454 Parish Fax: 631-862-9675

Website—www.sspj.org

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Open Monday, Tuesday Wednesday 9am-6pm

Open Thursday 9am-6pm

Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

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Father Joe Lobo-Associate Pastor
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Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget: \$17,890

Weekly Collection: November 14th, 2021: \$11,824

Faith Direct : (131Participants) 3,622

Collection for Heat 2,721

Total Collections: \$18,167.

**FAITH DIRECT: VISIT 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



LCDR. MEGAN M. SHUTKA-VIK, USN

CAPT. WILSON MARKS- USN

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SGT. JOSHUA MAHONEY- US ARMY

KEVIN JONES-USCG

PRIVATE JOSHUA OLSEN-USARNG

GLEN CRIMA-US ARMY

STAFF SGT. ANTHONY SCIAMETTA— US ARMY

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RYAN ANTHONY NASCIMENTO-USMC

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ENS. RYAN M. SHOWS -USN

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MIDN ERIN NICASTRO, USN.

As you probably know, the Diocese of Rockville Centre has declared Bankruptcy under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Law.

In order to be as helpful as possible to the parties that may be affected by this bankruptcy, we will be publishing the following note regarding “proof of claim forms” for the next few months:

Information regarding the deadlines for filing proofs of claim in the Diocese’s chapter 11 case and the forms to use can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese’s bankruptcy website and

scrolling down the page <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

A Letter From Father Tom

Dear Friends,

St. Paul said, ***“it is with deep joy I thank God for you”***, referring to his community. I echo his deep gratitude and thanks for sharing faith with each of you Apostles of Hope in our SSPJ community – giving thanks for what has been, for what we are, and profound thanks for what we are becoming! Due to the holiday the bulletin has to be submitted earlier than usual and I am writing with absolute delight after celebrating Sunday’s Masses with you! Have you noticed the ever-increasing numbers gathering at Mass! The joyful witness of so many, many young ones, AND their active participation as ministers at Mass! There were so many joy filled smiles – and as I’m sure you will tell me – not because of my jokes!

I am also profoundly grateful to the extraordinary team of ministers and volunteers with whom I serve on the parish staff. This week you will hear of them and how their selfless ministry to us graces our parish and saves us financially as members of our Finance Committee give us this year’s annual report. I thank them and all of you who have once again kept us in “the black” and to the many parishioners who serve in our many parish ministries in response to the Lord’s invitation to ***“follow Me and renew the face of the earth”***. Thank you, thank you, thank you! And not only I but all of us welcome any who would like to join in any one of our ministries. Please come! Respond to His promptings! You are graced and bring so much and are so needed as we together respond to the ever-faithful Lord’s desire to help us “rebuild the Church”.

Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King and prepare ourselves to put away Mark’s gospel as our liturgical year ends. Next week we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a new liturgical year during which we focus on the gospel of Luke. Throughout Luke’s gospel we hear echoed and re-echoed Jesus’ messages of forgiveness, of justice, of faith, of openness to the Spirit. In his unique way Luke missions Apostles of Hope who model for us the ministry of evangelizers – those who share and live the Good News.

Our Advent celebrations will again begin in semi darkness as we light the Advent wreath each week and ready ourselves to rebirth the Christ Child in our hearts. The Advent journey is both exciting and reassuring, filled with wonder and hope. As with all journeys, it begins with one step, but not alone. ***We journey together.***

I invite you to join with the parish family on Thanksgiving Day to begin with Eucharistic Thanksgiving at 9:15am. Please bring with you something you would like to be blessed and shared with those with whom you will celebrate Thanksgiving.

I also hope you can join us for our parish tree lighting on Saturday, November 27th, following the 5pm Mass and join in some “quick caroling” Come on! You really like the cold!! And then have some hot chocolate and cookies as we enter the Advent Season of Hope.

And, in honor of Thanksgiving,

“What key has legs and can't open a door?” “A turkey.”

“Why did they let the Turkey join the band? Because he had his own drumsticks.”

“What happened to the Turkey that got into a fight?” “He got the stuffing knocked out of him!”

“Why shouldn't you sit next to a turkey at dinner?” “Because he will gobble it up.”

Peace,

Father Tom

Mass Intentions, For the week of November 21st, 2021

**For the Week of
November 21st, 2021**

Our Bread & Wine

**Are offered in
Appreciation For
Our Wonderful
Principal,**

**Ms. Diane
Anderson**

**With Love & Gratitude,
SSPJ SCHOOL
Students, Faculty,
and Staff**



Eucharistic Adoration
Monday in the church
From 1:30pm-7:00pm

Remember in our hearts and prayers

Alan Evans
Anthony J. Novellino, Sr.
Antonette Sabatino
Angie Mingione
Angela Amoroso
Anne Pell
Anna & Harold Clayton
Arthur Gureck
Baby Ben
Baby Penny Grace Candela
Barbara Bombace
Barbara Ruland
Mattia Rose Lubrano
Belinda Groneman
Brendan McAlvin
Cathy McCulloch
Carol
Carolyn Nehl
Charles Figliosi
Charlie Stangarone
Claudia Chandler
Deacon Ron Blasius
Deirdre W.
Donna Patrissi
Dorothy Mitchell
Elizabeth Martin
Elizabeth Thorton
Ellie Walsh
Esther Styles
Flo Donohue
Gerald Maass
Gloria Montesano
Grace Bertolone
Ginny & John Rief
Gladys Blake
Gregory Parker
Helen
Heidi Ray
Jack Donohue
Jamie Geiman
Jennifer Clark
Jessica Venditto
John Cronin
John DeStefano

John Scomillio
Joseph H
Joseph
James Macchiano
Judy Rampola
Joseph Mazelis
Joseph Costa
Kenneth Cook
Kathleen N.
Kitty Cronin
Kim Olofson
Leon Donach
Lynn McDonnell
Mark Geld
Marty Caltabiano
Mary Ann Cesarski
Mary Monte
Mary Fresi
Maryann Kevin
Maria Clark
Marie del Ciello
Marilyn Suli
Matthew Parrella
Marie & Frank Fiecco
Melissa C.
Michael Fisher
Mike Lofaro
Monsignor Iocavacci
Nancy & Paul Bertran
Nancy Cuccinotta
Pasquale Savarese
Pat LeDoux
Peter Donach
P.I.
Ricardo Buffit
Riordan Cavooris
Richard Chiorando
Robert Koop
Sara Jean Andersen
Stephen Dolce
Suzanne Orlando
Tara Cesarski
Vivien Cordes
Veronica Broderick
Wayne Hendricks

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| Saturday November 20th | Presider: Father Tom Lector: Donegan/Student EM:Mantia/Duffy/Toto | 9:15am 5:00pm | Onorina Viola John Mignone |
| Sunday November 21st | Presider: Father Tom Lector:Mantia/Dobres EM:Ramos/Sehne/Sica | 8am | For the People of SSPJ |
| Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe | Presider: Father Joe Lector: Burke/Cafaro EM:Luna/McKie/ Sotomayer | 10:00am | Donna Servidio |
| | <u>Collective Mass</u> Presider: Father Joe Lector: Geier/Kenton EM: Consenze/Keane/ Napolitano | 12:00pm | Robert Inzerillo June Kelly James Cooper Joseph Napolitano Thomas Specht |
| Monday November 22nd | Saint Cecelia | 7:30am 9:15am | Thomas A. McGrath Patricia Ann Felix |
| Tuesday November 23rd | Saint Clement | 7:30am 9:15am | Living~ Allen Evans Living~Juan Madariaga |
| Wednesday November 24th | Saint Andrew | 7:30am 9:15am | John P. Boland James Cooper |
| Thursday November 25th | Thanksgiving Day St. Catherine of Alexandria | 9:15am | <u>For the People of the Parish</u> |
| Friday November 26th | | 7:30am 9:15am | Helen Soshia Sean & John McDermott |
| Saturday November 27th | Presider:Father Joe Lectors:Schor/Smith EM: Rapp/Lombardi/Sisti | 9:15am 5:00pm | Vincent Casano Carmine Lorenzo |
| Sunday November 28th First Sunday of Advent | Presider: Father Joe Lectors:Auleta/O'Leary EM:Czujko/Kanuika/ Kenney | 8:00am | For the People of SSPJ |
| | Presider: Father Tom Lectors: Wos/Koke EM:Amen/Latino/Mulhall | 10:00am | Deacon Ken Maher |
| | <u>Collective Mass</u> Presider: Father Tom Lector:Just/Suski EM:Samson/Consenzo/ Napolitano | 12:00pm | Vincent Casano Fred Boyce Gertrude Christy John Patrick Harney Delfina Santos |

Banns of Marriage~ First ~ Eric Lewis and Samantha Donohue ~ SSPJ Parish

CHRISTMAS GABRIEL EDITION

Seeking submissions for this most wonderful edition...

Theme:
Christmas,

*The Giving, The Joy, The Hope,
Living the season as an Apostle of
Hope...*

Search your hearts where only the most heartwarming stories can be found...

Deadline for submission:
November 26th

Questions, please contact Gabriel Editor:
Elena Mingionemingione55@yahoo.com



Mass of Thanksgiving

**Thanksgiving Day,
November 25th, 2021
9:15am mass**

All are welcome to bring an item that will be shared upon your table of thanks for a blessing of gratitude.



CELEBRATE WITH SANTA

When: Sunday December 5, 10 am to 12:30 pm

Where: SSPJ Auditorium

Take pictures with Santa! Crafts! Raffle baskets!!

\$5 per family

Any questions, please contact Jennine Cullen at jenninecullen@me.com
Andreanna Cotter at drea91983@gmail.com



The Blessing of Time

Please join us at the 5:00 pm Mass on December 30th for the Blessing of Time. Bring your watches, clock, cell phone, planner, calendars, or any other instrument used to measure or track time to be blessed during Mass. Immediately after the 5:00 Mass please join us for a short celebration as we welcome in The New Year! More information to follow...



**Blessing of the Prayer Shawls~ The First Sunday of Advent~
November 29th, 2021, 8:00am Mass**

We are sincerely grateful for the compassion and joy that each member of the Prayer Shawl ministry offers to each stitch their loving hands create. They are wonderfully blessed and share that treasure with our Parish and with the so many seeking comfort...

At the end of Mass, if you have a loved one at home or know someone ill, you may take one to them.



LOST AND FOUND
FOUND: GOLD WEDDING BAND WITH INSCRIPTION INSIDE OF THE CHURCH
Questions, kindly contact Parish Center Office at 584-5454.

READING AND ENCOURAGING~ THE BARNABAS MINISTRY

Help is Needed~A small commitment with a Huge amount of Joy!

Can you share with us your time, and heart, reading the reflections of our students?

As you see, our Students offer their thoughts each Sunday, which reflect their understanding the Gospel message...

We are seeking kind words, encouraging hearts, and uplifting messages that we can share with our students.

Just a little time, can make a positive difference in the hearts of our Students and their families.

If you should be interested, kindly contact the Parish Center office at 631-584-5454



A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

For the expanding grandeur of creation, worlds known and unknown, galaxies beyond galaxies, filling us with awe and challenging our imaginations:

We give thanks this day.

For this fragile planet earth, its times and tides, its sunsets and seasons:

We give thanks this day.

For the joy of human life, its wonders and surprises, its hopes and achievements:

We give thanks this day.

For our human community, our common past and future hope, our oneness transcending all separation, our capacity to work for peace and justice in the midst of hostility and oppression:

We give thanks this day.

For high hopes and noble causes, for faith without fanaticism, for understanding of views not shared:

We give thanks this day.

For all who have labored and suffered for a fairer world, who have lived so that others might live in dignity and freedom:

We give thanks this day.

For human liberty and sacred rites; for opportunities to change and grow, to affirm and choose:

We give thanks this day.

We pray that we may live not by our fears but by our hopes, not by our words but by our deeds.

*We give thanks this day.
Amen.—O. Eugene Pickett*

MUSIC MINISTRY

Today is Christ the King. The last day of the Liturgical year. Christ Jesus is victor, ruler, and redeemer. Jesus will sit on His throne. Let the music sound!! The tiny baby born in Bethlehem at the start of a great adventure concludes as He becomes the King of Glory!! Our Lord of Love for all people and calling us to live in that love.

This Monday, November 22 we have a special feast day, it is the feast of St. Cecilia, the patroness of Musicians. All musicians receive a special blessing from St. Cecilia on this her feast day.

Prayer to St. Cecilia

St. Cecilia, heroic martyr who stayed faithful to Jesus your divine bridegroom, give us faith to rise above our persecutors and to see in them the image of our Lord.

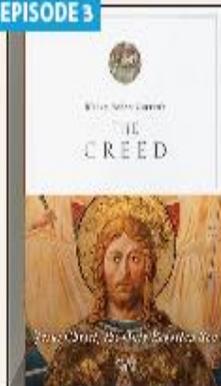
We know that you were a musician and we are told that you heard angels sing. Inspire musicians to gladden the hearts of people by filling the air with God's gift of music and reminding them of the Divine Musician Who created all beauty. Amen

THE MEN'S FORUM

AT THE CHURCH OF SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES

A brotherhood of men dedicated to growing in their faith & discipleship in the Lord Jesus Christ.

EPISODE 3



"Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son"

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021

Video Presentation & Discussion: Bishop Robert Barron: "The Creed" Episode 3: "Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son"

"I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ." With these words of the Creed, we come to the heart of the matter. For all of distinctively Christian faith begins and ends with a particular person, Yeshua from Nazareth, the only begotten Son of the God of Israel, Light from Light, true God from true God. This proclamation, no less shocking nearly 2,000 years later, draws us into the depths of the divine life and into the mystery of the Incarnation.

Join us as we watch Bishop Robert Barron's new 6 episode video series "The Creed", a combination of documentary footage and dynamic talks. With Bishop Barron as our guide, we will explore a deeper meaning of the Creed—our profound statement of faith—recited at every Sunday mass.

6:00 to 7:00pm: Adoration: Main Church

7:00 to 8:30pm: Video Presentation & Discussion: Bethany Center (Old Church) • Optional Coffee Social (Off Site)

Come for all, or part of our evening's schedule. No membership required. Open to all men!

*Please Note: Due to the threat of COVID face masks must be worn and social distancing maintained in the Bethany Center. Masks are optional in the main Church.



Website: www.sspjmensforum.org

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Grateful for the Abundant Blessings that God, in his love, has blessed the hearts of, Sts. Philip & James Parish

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

Through the stewardship of our parishioners, we have been able to provide the following services to our members and larger communities:

September 1, 2020-August 31, 2021

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|--|-----|---|
| <u>Sacraments</u> | | <u>Outreach</u> | | <u>Funerals</u> |
| <u>Baptisms</u> | 64 Children | Total Children Assisted | 213 | 97 Families were assisted by the Parish Ministry of Consolation |
| <u>First Communion</u> | 120 Children 1 Adult | Total Adults Assisted | 362 | |
| <u>Confirmation</u> | 280 Children 1 Adult | Total Seniors Assisted | 14 | |
| <u>Weddings</u> | 12 Couples | | | |
| | | 8 Families were assisted at Easter | | |
| | | 10 Families were assisted at Thanksgiving | | |
| | | 27 Families and Organizations were assisted at Christmas | | |

In Our Family of Faith Formation

577 Religious Education students were served by REO Administrators supervising student lessons on Google Classroom

210 children attend SS. Philip & James School - 95 from within our parish, 101 from neighboring parishes, and 14 children who are not of the Catholic faith

SS Philip & James is presently being served by 30 Eucharistic Ministers and 21 of them serve homebound parishioners as well as bring communion to residents at the local Health Centers. Our Parish is also blessed with 40 lectors, 10 student lectors, 18 ushers, 60 altar servers (54 children and 6 adults) and 24 adults and 9 students in the Music Ministry.

The Stewardship and so much more was provided by:
4,100 Registered Families

God Bless you and God Bless SS. Philip & James

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

**WAY TO GO SSPJ
GIRL SCOUT GROUP 2111!!**



SSPJ Girl scout troop 2111, sorted and bagged 76 thanksgiving meals and 7 gift cards for Long Island Cares and our SSPJ parish outreach for "adopt a family". They thank friends, families, the parish, and school for donations and Walmart in Islandia & Yaphank. **WHAT AN AMAZING EXAMPLE OF APOSTLES WHO HOPE AND RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF OTHERS.**



A Reflection from Sister T~ Vocare~ What is Your Calling?

Dear Friends,

The past week was National Vocation Awareness Week. I took the opportunity of my weekly visit to the second graders to teach them a new word and have some fun with it. The word was vocare- to call. We then talked about the different vocations in life, priesthood, religious life, marriage and consecrated single life. In thanksgiving for myself and the sisters I live in community with, the children made cards, and along with a treat from a local restaurant, and a cake baked by a wonderful school Secretary, we ended the week in royal fashion.

Vocare, To Call, I started thinking what are we called to? For us as Sister of the Holy Family of Nazareth we are called to build the Kingdom of God where we are, with and for families. I asked some people what they were called to, and one Sister sent me a beautiful response I share it with you now.

"Jeremiah's response to God's call was: "I am too young! I don't know how to speak." And the Lord answered him saying: "Do not be afraid. I will be with you. I will put the words in your mouth."

How often have I now said "I am too old! I was more adventurous when I was younger." However even today the Lord's response is: "Do not be afraid. I will be with you."

Young or old, whatever I am called to do, I have God's promise: "I will be with you." Could I ask for a more faithful companion?" Sr. Mary Bernard Wieczak

After reading this I realized that it is really an attitude we are being called to, not so much what we do but how we do it. So, the things we are called to do, in what spirit do we do them? Are we able to be positive? Does negativity come through? We do have a choice. Someone once said when we cook, we need to do so with a happy spirit as it affects the taste of the food. (Thus, I sing when I have a lot of vegetables to chop)

As we look at who we are now, we may have to say with Jeremiah that I am too old! Are we able to give up things we were used to doing and settle for those things we can do, remembering that all the time it is a matter of attitude?

We are coming to the end of the church year and a new one is upon us this Advent. How will we greet this new year of responding to call? What will be our attitude? This week check your attitude as well as gratitude meter. What does it register?

Till next week,
Sister Theresita



RCIA MINISTRY

"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, And there will be one flock, one shepherd."

The RCIA Team Meets Sunday Mornings in the SSPJ Room from 8:45am-9:45am

The Following topics are open to all:



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| 11/21 | Christ the King | The Mystery of the Church |
| 11/28 | 1 st Sun Advent | Thanksgiving Weekend |
| 12/5 | 2 nd Sun Advent | The People of God: Members of the Church |
| 12/12 | 3 rd Sun Advent | Faith & Hope; Rite of Acceptance |
| 12/19 | 4 th Sun Advent | Charity |

We Remember with love...SSPJ Lights of Love Tree Lighting

~ Saturday, November 27th, 2021 ~Following the 5pm First Week of Advent Mass

We Invite all to the 2021 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

This event offers a wonderful opportunity to remember in your hearts

"the lights of our loved ones, safely home" during this holiday season

Our Christmas Tree located on the front lawn of the rectory

Will be lit as the names of our loved ones are read aloud...

Hot chocolate and cookies will be served

Those who wish to remember their loved ones with this special tribute are asked to complete the form below and return it to the Parish center office by the following dates:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH ~ For your loved ones to be remembered at the tree lighting ceremony

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6TH ~ For your loved ones names to be printed in the Christmas bulletin and displayed upon the Christmas Altar

\$5.00 donation per each name being memorialized

Annual Tree Lighting Memorial

We Remember:

Remembered

by: -----

Contact #: -----

*Amount Paid: _____ Number of Names: _____ x \$5.00 per name
= Total Enclosed: _____*

*Please place this form in an envelope with payment and return to the Parish Center office by:
Wednesday, November 24th for names to be read at Tree lighting or Monday December 6th
for inclusion in the Christmas bulletin.*

Religious Education News

The Religious Education Ministry wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude for all of our Students and their Families. We wish you a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving .

There WILL NOT be any lessons on google classroom or on campus during the week of

November 21st, 2021- November 27th, 2021

WE INVITE ALL OUR FAMILIES TO ATTEND THE SSPJ ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 27TH, AFTER THE 5PM MASS

OUR ACTS OF LOVE~ A SERVANTS HANDS PROJECT FOR ADVENT WILL BE SHARED WITH ALL AT THE TREE LIGHTING

UPCOMING GRADE LEVEL MASSES:

COMMUNION II ~ 2ND GRADE MASS
DECEMBER 4TH, 2021 AT 5PM

COMMUNION I ~ 1ST GRADE MASS
DECEMBER 5TH, 2021 AT 10AM

FOURTH GRADE RECONCILIATION

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH, 2021

5:30PM IN THE CHURCH

THANK YOU VETERANS



ACTS OF LOVE ~ A SERVANTS HANDS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER...

Thanking our Veterans as we have celebrated Veterans Day. Kindly create a card made in Thanksgiving for all the sacrifices our Veterans have made for each and every one of us.

They will be distributed on Thanksgiving to the Veterans residing at the Stony Brook Veterans Home.

CARDS DUE AT PARISH CENTER OFFICE BY: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

*For Our Students~
Take a picture of this prayer with your phone and remember,
when you are struggling, read it and call out to Jesus...*

*Dear God,
Help me to stand when I feel I'm about
to fall;
Help me to carry on when I feel I can't
take another step.
Lead me gently in the direction that I
should go;
Lead me into a place of peace and
security.
Even while the world around me is full
of turmoil,
Bring me closer to you.
Amen*

NOVEMBER PRAYER OF THE MONTH



Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy Name;
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into
temptation,
but deliver us from
evil. Amen.

My Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 1-3

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe ~ Sunday, November 21st, 2021

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 November 27th or Sunday, November 28th, 2021**

The Gospel Message:



Share God's Word

Jesus rules over all things, and that we want to put God first in our lives. Jesus came to lead as a humble servant. He continues to lead us and should be made authority over our hearts.

Jesus forgives everyone and trusts always that God will guide him as a faithful servant.

Which picture looks most like the Jesus you know? Why?



Dear Jesus
Thank you for loving me especially when I make choices that may not be the best.
Thank you for teaching me what a humble servant is.
Please encourage me to be your great servant.
Thank you,
Amen

Please color the picture that shows Jesus our King

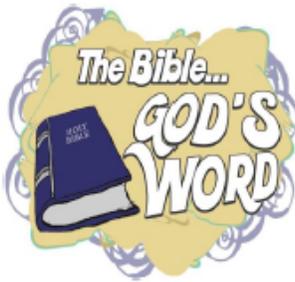
Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 4-6

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe~ Sunday, November 21st, 2021

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, November 27th or Sunday, November 28th, 2021

The Gospel Message:



Crown Him Lord...on the last Sunday of the “church calendar” year, we celebrate that Jesus Christ is the King. This may not be a widely honored holiday, but is a special time to remember that Jesus rules over all things, and that we want to put God first in our lives. Jesus came to lead as a humble servant. He continues to lead us and should be made authority over our hearts.



Jesus is a King, but have you ever see him wear a crown like a King? If so, what did his crown look like?

Jesus, though a King, came to lead us as a humble servant, what actions do you do that make you a humble servant?

Jesus did a lot of remarkable things and fulfilled many roles while on Earth. He continues to hold tremendous power and authority over all things, especially our lives

Let Us Pray,

Jesus, forgive me for the times I don't respect the humility of your presence. For the times my actions take me away from the path of truth that can only come from your voice and your will. Help me Jesus to follow you.

Amen

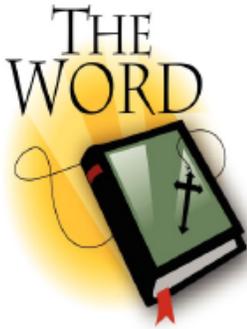
Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 7-8

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe ~ Sunday, November 21st, 2021

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, November 27th or Sunday, November 28th, 2021

The Gospel Message:



This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Each year we set aside this Sunday to reflect upon this title that we have given to Jesus.

Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair.

In today's reading, we see Jesus identify the final proof that his kingdom is not of this world: if his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him.

As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Savior of all.



You are in the crowd that is calling out crucify him He is King of the Jews! When, in our liturgical year have you heard this reference?

In your heart, while you are among the crowd calling out would you speak out in defense of Jesus, or go along with the crowd?

Jesus declared that everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice. Share how you live out this statement that Jesus expressed in today's gospel.

Let Us Pray, Jesus, there are times when I go with the crowd instead of standing up for the truth. I am not proud of those times, but know that when I reach out to you in my worry, you will guide my steps toward truth.

Amen

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
UPDATE~ AS OF NOVEMBER 15th, 2021**

We are \$4,319 AWAY FROM GOAL!

We are \$7,577 AWAY FROM OUR REBATE

In this season of thanks and gratitude we remain grateful for all your support.

Should your means allow, please consider making a contribution



**Giving in Thanks for the Gifts
Bestowed on us this Thanksgiving**

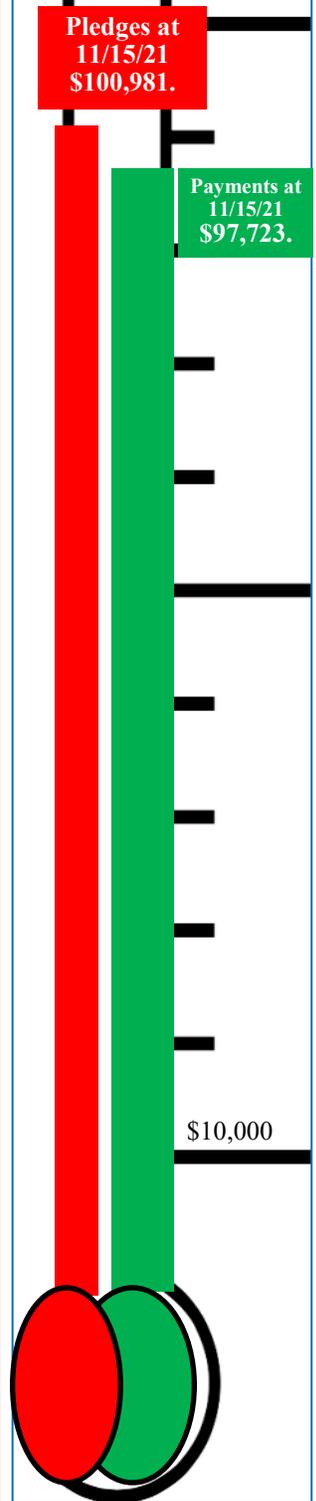
As stewards, we choose to live our lives in thanksgiving to our generous God. Our actions, our words - what we choose to do or not to do-are all examples of our gratitude. Christian stewards seek ways to share what we have been given. One very important vehicle for exercising our stewardship is the Catholic Ministries Appeal. The CMA allows us an opportunity to share our gifts in many different ways.

Gift of Financial Resources: Of course, when we think of the Catholic Ministries Appeal, we think of sharing our financial resources. More than 600,000 of our sisters and brothers received support and assistance from the funds shared through the CMA each year. It is rare that just one person or one parish could touch this many lives. The CMA brings us beyond the individual, the group and the parish and unites us as one Church of Long Island.

Gifts of Time and Talent: In addition to money, the CMA offers opportunities to share our time and talent. Parishes often form CMA committees to support a smooth and organized Appeal effort. Others share their gifts by volunteering in the ministries that the CMA supports. One of the great benefits of the Appeal is communication. People are informed of the many good works, programs and opportunities in this diocese. The CMA tells of the good works of the Church and communicates the opportunities to share our God-given gifts.

Gift of Prayer: The Catholic Ministries Appeal brings us closer to those we help and support. We can become more "connected" with our sisters and brothers through prayer. We may wish to pray for those who support the Appeal, those who volunteer, those who receive support and even those who cannot participate for whatever reason.

WISHING YOU A VERY BLESSED AND



Parish Social Ministry

We Remember

Michael C. Jaeger
Mary Elizabeth Phillips

Eternal rest grant unto
them, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine
upon them. May the
souls of the faithful
departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in
peace. Amen.



O God, when I have food

O God, when I have food,
help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work,
help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a home,
help me to remember those who have no home at all.
When I am without pain,
help me to remember those who suffer,
And remembering,
help me to destroy my complacency;
bestir my compassion,
and be concerned enough to help;
By word and deed,
those who cry out for what we take for granted.

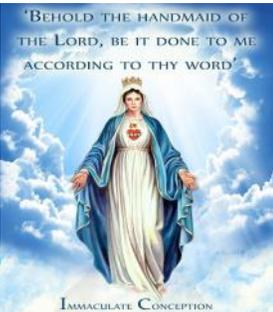
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We are called to protect creation—and we are missing the mark. “Something good in the eyes of God has become something exploitable in human hands.”



Our Pantry is fully stocked with thanks to all the wonderful generosity of all Apostles of Hope!

Thank you for sharing your hearts



Our Lord sends neither angels nor ministers to assure us of His love; He comes in person. Do not miss this opportunity to visit with Him in person during Eucharistic Adoration on Wed. evening Dec. 8th from 8PM to 10PM immediately following the 7PM mass. You do not have to stay the whole time, stop in when you can. As you prepare to purchase your Christmas gifts early what better gift to offer Jesus for Christmas than to spend some time with Him to pray for the most vulnerable in our society. Please mark your calendars now to visit any time between 8PM and 10PM on Wed. Dec. 8th.

Annual Pick A Star Program

Begins Next Weekend: November 27th-28th, 2021



Our tree will be located in the front of the church near the statue of St. Joseph.

Please choose a star (s) indicating the items you would like to purchase for someone in need.

Unwrapped gifts should be placed in gift bags under the tree with the colored star tag securely attached.

The color of the ornament determines its destination.

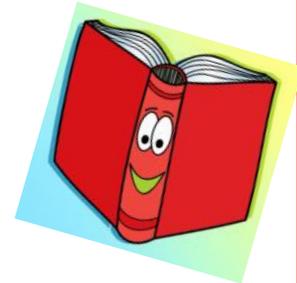
Please place UNWRAPPED gift cards in the basket near the tree at weekend Masses, OR, put them in the collection basket, OR drop them off at the parish center during the week.

All our gifts will be delivered on Thursday, December 18th, 2021 to allow our families and organizations time to sort and determine the distribution

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!!
LIVE IN PERSON~HOORAY!

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An all time favorite of SSPJ Students, Faculty and Staff.
After 2 years of being virtual, **SSPJ School is BLESSED** to host an
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The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.

—Dr. Seuss

Scholastic
Book Fair



Congratulations to SSPJ Alumni on their Academic Achievements

Kate Nicastro~ Grade 10~Principals List
Victoria Caputo~ Grade 9~Principals List
Elena Caruso~ Grade 11~First Honors

Your SSPJ Family are so very proud of you!

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE



1st Sunday of Advent, Cycle C

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Ps 25:(1b)4-5,8-10,14
1 Thess 3:12-4:2
Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Monday November 29

Isaiah 2:1-5
Ps 122:1-9
Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday November 30

St. Andrew
Romans 10:9-18
Ps 19:8-11
Matthew 4:18-22

Wednesday December 1

Isaiah 25:6-10a
Ps 23:1-6
Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday December 2

Isaiah 26:1-6
Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a
Matthew 7:21,24-27

Friday December 3

St. Francis Xavier
Isaiah 29:17-24
Ps 27:1,4,13-14
Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday December 4

Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26
Ps 147:1-6
Matthew 9:35 -- 10:1,5-8

Today's world needs Christians who truly understand that faith gives us hope and victory in the midst of any and all difficulties.

Taking this even further, today's world needs Catholics who truly understand that going to Mass means having faith in miracles -- especially the miraculous transformation of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ. Are you changed by the presence of Christ in the Eucharist? If so, then after you exit the church, others see evidence of this faith -- right?

There's a difference between "knowing" the truths of our faith and authentically living these truths.

What prayer requests have you made in which you're still waiting for God to provide his help? When you offer them to Jesus during the prayers of Mass, do you feel the hopefulness that comes from faith?

During the consecration of the Eucharist, if we do not have faith in God's ability to change bread and wine into Christ -- an ability that does not rely on the how holy the priest is -- we won't have faith to recognize that Jesus is ministering to us in the Eucharist.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus speaks of his Second Coming, but we can also relate it to our daily lives today.

We all have new tribulations looming in the future, un-

known and unpredictable. That's life on earth! And Jesus wants to help us through them. Faith in this gives us hope and victory.

However, when our focus is on our troubles instead of on Christ, we are not living in faith. Jesus warned us about our hearts becoming spiritually drowsy. This is when we lose faith. We forget to remain centered in Christ. We neglect to listen for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

But when we ask Jesus to restore us to a life of faith, we become vigilant, expectant, and aware that we can rely on God to help us in whatever comes our way.

Our tribulations makes us fearful. Faith gives us reasons to hope in Jesus and to live in joy instead of fear. It's not easy! It takes conscious effort. But spiritual drowsiness is a miserable way to live.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What are you waiting for from Jesus?
2. How will you use the Season of Advent to grow in faith by noticing the loving, generous, merciful activities of God?
3. What are your favorite ways to prepare for Christmas?
4. How do you make Advent a season of hope and a time of growing in faith?

THE NOTION OF A VOCATION

I was raised in a generation that taught that God gave each of us a vocation to live out. In the religious ethos of that time, particularly in Roman Catholic spirituality, we believed that we were put on this earth with a divine plan for us, that God gave us each a special vocation to live out. Moreover, this was not something we were free to choose for ourselves; it was God-given. Our task was to discern that vocation and give ourselves over to it, even at the price of having to renounce our own dreams. We remained free to accept or not, but at a peril. To be unfaithful to your vocation meant a misguided life.

There's an important truth in that notion, though it needs some critical nuances. First, in that spirituality, they thought of vocations in a very restrictive sense, essentially envisaging only four basic vocations: priesthood, religious life, marriage, and single life. Further, they tended to put too much gravity on the choice, namely, if you chose wrong or if you resisted your God-given vocation, it might endanger your eternal salvation. There were some unhealthy fears connected to the choice.

I saw that first-hand when I served as the provincial superior for our religious order for six years. One of my tasks was to apply to Rome for the laicization of priests leaving the priesthood. I saw how many of those leaving the priesthood had chosen that vocation under undue pressure and false fear. Their choice had not been a free one.

That being said, the old notion of vocation is essentially still true and is too easily lost in a world and culture that generally puts personal freedom above all else. We need to learn again the importance of finding one's vocation and giving oneself over to it. Admittedly, vocation needs to be defined more widely than choosing between priesthood, religious life, marriage, and single life. Instead, it needs to be defined as an obedience to the inner dictates of our soul, our gifts, our talents, and the non-negotiable mandate inside us to put ourselves in service to others and the world.

James Hollis, a Jungian therapist writing from a purely secular viewpoint, highlights precisely this point. "Our real desires and our destiny are not chosen for us by our ego, but by our nature and 'the divinities'. ... Something within us knows what is right for us and its insistence on expression is what keeps us awake at night, nudges us from within during our busiest hours, or causes us to envy others. Vocation is a summons of the soul. ... It's as if we were sent to this land with a royal assignment, and if we have only dithered about and forgotten the task, then we have violated our reason for being here." How true.

Columnist David Brooks, also speaking from a secular place, strongly agrees. A vocation, he writes, is an irrational factor wherein you hear an inner voice that is so strong that it becomes unthinkable to turn away and where you intuitively know that you don't have a choice, but can only ask yourself, what is my responsibility here? As well, the summons to a vocation is a holy thing, something mystical, a call from the deep. Thus, discerning your vocation is not a matter of asking what you expect from life but rather what life expects from you.

What would Jesus say? As we know, Jesus was fond of teaching in parables and his parable of talents (Matthew 25 and Luke 19) is ultimately about living out one's God-given vocation. In that parable, those who use their talents thrive and are given even more talents. Conversely, those who hide their talents are punished. In essence, the message is this: If we use our God-given talents, we will find meaning and blessing in our lives; on the other hand, if we don't use our talents, those very gifts will snakebite us, poison our happiness, and generally embitter our spirits. Show me a man who is bitter and envious, and most times you will see a gifted man who, consciously or unconsciously, is frustrated because he has not used his talents or has used them in a manner that doesn't serve others. Bitterness and envy are often the unhappy residue from being snake-bitten by our own unused or misused intelligence and gifts.

There's a voice inside us issuing forth from the depths of our souls that speaks for our talents, our temperament, our unique circumstance in life, our moral and religious sensitivities, and even for our wounds. This voice is gentle, but firm and unrelenting, as it tells us that we are not free to do anything we want with our lives. We need to surrender them to something higher than ourselves.

And, indeed there's a peril in not listening, though what's at stake is not our eternal salvation, but our happiness and generativity on this side of eternity.