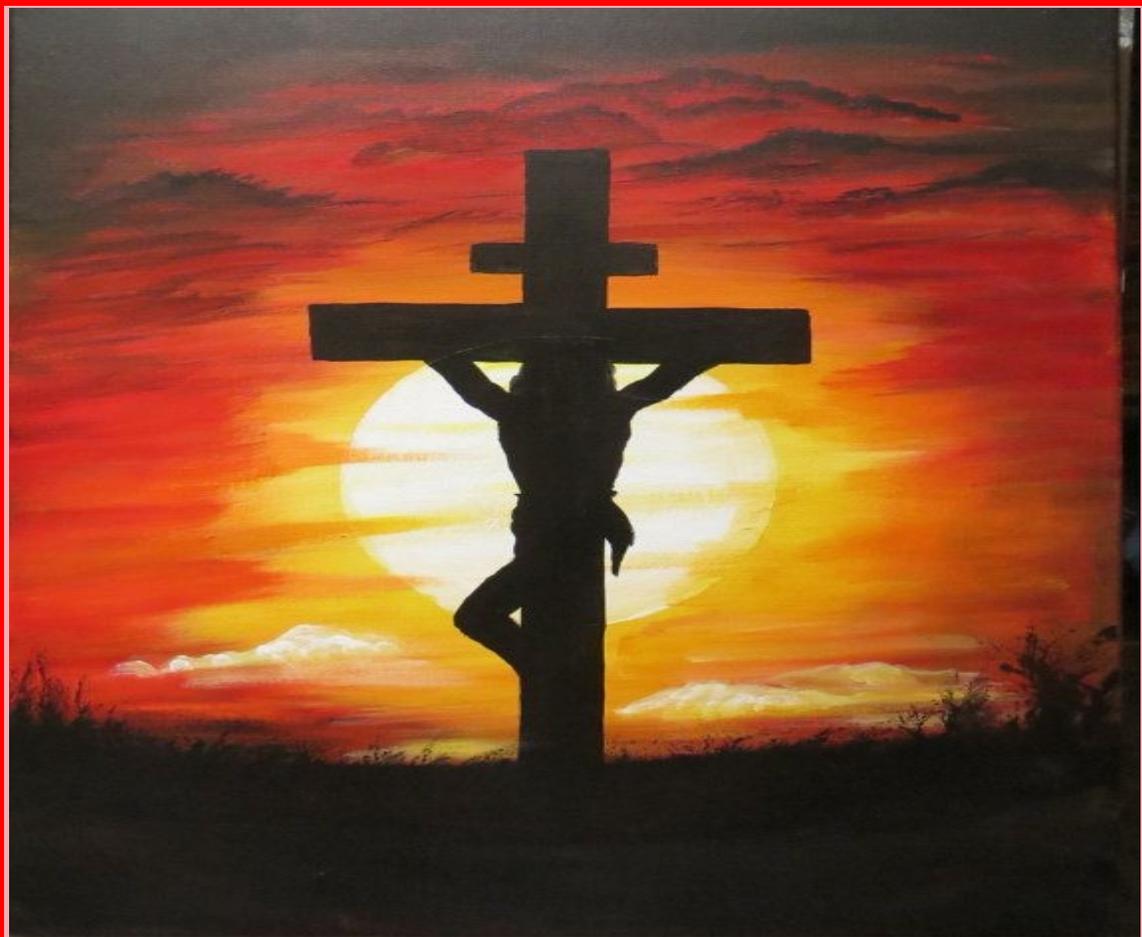




The Parish of Saints Philip and James
One Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

631-584-5454

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 25, 2018



“Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, Even death on a cross.” *Philippians 2:7*

“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

Parish Center Office Hours:

*Sunday ~ Closed
Monday: 9am-8pm*

*Tuesday & Wednesday: 9am-5pm
Thursday: 9am-8pm*

*Friday: 9am-12 Noon
Saturday: 10am-2pm*

Parish Center Phone ~ 631-584-5454

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Deacon John Keenan
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Religious Education Coordinator Grades 7-8
Religious Education Administrator
Youth Minister

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SSPJ School—Principal Ruth E. Testa

School Phone : 631-584-7896 School Fax: 631-584-3258

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 RCLA.

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 12:00mass 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— Thursday 2-4pm Friday 8-9pm

Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Holy Week! During this most holy time of year, I again ask each of us to be especially attentive to the many who join us during this time. Our active, warm welcome hopefully bespeaks our recognition that Christ comes among us in one another, prompting us as the second reading so powerfully speaks, to empty ourselves so we may be filled with God's presence

This Monday, the three local dioceses of NY (the archdiocese of New York, the diocese of Brooklyn, and the diocese of Rockville Centre) are holding a day of Reconciliation. The sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in all area churches from 3-9 pm. I encourage you to consider celebrating this sacrament of healing as one way of preparing to enter more fully into the mysteries of Holy Week. At Sts. Philip and James we will additionally offer a "communal preparation" for individual confession beginning at 7:30pm in the church.

Lent comes to a close this Thursday afternoon as we ready ourselves to enter into "The Triduum", the three days of commemorating and celebrating the Paschal Mystery - the death and resurrection of Jesus. The liturgy of these three days is actually one liturgy, beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, continuing with the celebration of the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday, and culminating with the joy of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening. While our Holy Week schedule is included in today's bulletin, let me set the scene of each day:

There are no Masses on the morning of Holy Thursday. Rather we begin with Morning Prayer at 9:15am in the Church. Then, that evening at 8pm we gather for the Mass of the Lord's Supper. During this Mass we commemorate Jesus' call to service through the washing of the feet and the institution of the gift of Eucharist. This part of the Triduum Liturgy concludes with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, as we are invited to spend some time in silent prayer, reflecting on how we who have received the Body and Blood of Christ are called to be Christ through serving one another.

On Good Friday, we again begin with Morning Prayer at 9:15am in the Church. Living Stations of the Cross will be prayed at noon in the Church. Then we gather at 3pm to celebrate the Passion of the Lord. We begin in silence, then listen to the Scripture readings. All are then invited to come forward in procession to reverence the Cross. An ancient tradition invites us to remove our shoes as we venerate the one cross. This is followed by reception of Communion. Since there is no Mass on Good Friday, sufficient hosts were consecrated on Holy Thursday to provide our Eucharistic food this day. This part of the Triduum Liturgy again ends in silence. Living Stations of the Cross will again be prayed at 8pm in the Church.

Holy Saturday, a day of waiting - of vigiling - begins with Morning Prayer at 9:15am in the Church, followed by the blessing of Easter food. At 8pm that evening, the culmination of the Triduum Liturgy begins with the Church in darkness. Outside, a fire is blessed and the large Paschal Candle is lit from this fire. That light is spread throughout the church as we exult in being saved by Jesus. The Scripture readings of our faith history follow. Then we celebrate the Confirmation of our RCIA participants. Mass continues with the celebration of Eucharist and our Triduum liturgy comes to a joyful close.

We continue to celebrate the joy of Easter for 50 days! Please make an effort to join at these beautifully touching rituals. May all of us experience God's many blessings this Holy Week!

Peace,

Father Tom

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

HOLY WEEK



Holy Week Schedule~2018

Palm Sunday, March 25th, 2018

Mass Schedule:

8:00am Mass

10:00am Mass

12:00pm Mass

Reconciliation Monday, March 26th, 2018

*Lighten Up ~Experience the Power of
forgiveness this Easter*

3-9 pm

7:30pm Communal Reconciliation Service

Thursday March 29th, 2018 ~

Holy Thursday

9:15am Morning Prayer

8:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 30th, 2018 ~ Good Friday

9:15am Morning Prayer

12:00 Noon ~ Living Stations

3:00 ~ Passion Liturgy

8:00pm ~ Living Stations

Saturday, March 31, 2018 ~

Holy Saturday

9:15am ~ Morning Prayer

9:30am ~ Blessing of the Bread

8:00pm ~ Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 1st, 2018 Easter Sunday The
Resurrection of the Lord

8:00am Mass Upstairs

10:00am Mass Upstairs & Downstairs

12:00 Noon Mass Upstairs & Downstairs

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH, 2018 COLLECTION FOR HOLY LAND

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Each day, the news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to the Good Friday Collection. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people in the Holy Land. Please be generous.



Lenten Regulations 2018

Traditionally, the Lenten Season is a time of penance throughout the Catholic Church. Lent is a season in which prayer, the reception of the sacraments, charity and almsgiving are emphasized. Fast and abstinence are to be observed Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday:

These are days of *Fast and Abstinence from meat*. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

Days of Abstinence: (All Fridays in Lent):

All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

Sharing the Good News and Blessings of SSPJ School!

Last week, SSPJ School Principal Ruth Testa announced her retirement. Ruth has been part of our SSPJ family for 30 years! She has touched the hearts and minds and souls of countless students, staff and families. We are deeply grateful for her faithful dedication over all these years. Ruth, we wish you many blessings on your journey into retirement.



Thank you for your loving, caring service to SSPJ.

Our SSPJ School journey also continues. A search committee has been formed in cooperation with the Diocesan Education Department to interview and decide on our next principal in the coming weeks.

Meanwhile, our school continues to serve as a model of spiritual and academic excellence. We boast 100 years of forming hearts, spirits and souls. We also boast documented outstanding scholastic achievement, outscoring area public, parochial and private schools. And we respond creatively to the needs of our students through efforts such as SSPJ Academy for grades 6-8, now completing its first year.

We have seats available in all grades **and want to insure a strong future**. We know finances can be a challenge, and we encourage you to please visit Tomorrows Hope Foundation at :

www.tomorrowshopefoundation.org.

The mission of Tomorrow's Hope Foundation is to ensure the excellence as well as the continuance of Catholic Schools on Long Island by increasing awareness and by providing scholarship and program funding for the needs of students and schools.

We do need your help in promoting our wonderful school! Please, help spread the word of the world of possibilities for dynamic spiritual and academic growth found in SSPJ School.

I will be asking many of our school parents past and present to share with you the good news of our school with the hope that you might consider a visit, and see first hand all that SSPJ school can offer to your child, your family, our parish and our community. The following letter is from Parishioner and SSPJ Parent and Grandparent, Clare Farrell.

**SSPJ
School**
*“Enter
to better
yourself
go forth
To
better
the
world”*

I am a multi-generational SSPJ parent. My four children attended SSPJ school in the '90's - early 2000. My grandson, Tyler, is presently in the first grade.

My experience at SSPJ School over 3 decades has confirmed what I have always believed: there is more to the education of our children than learning how to spell, add and read. As our world becomes more secular, faith in God, ethics and morality have become less evident and are perhaps altogether lacking from the public system.

At SSPJ School, my children and now my grandson have received an excellent academic education enriched by faith. Christian love and works are part of their everyday activities. Faith and trust in Jesus provide a guidepost for our children to understand love, mercy, compassion and kindness. Their school day is rich with opportunities to grow not only in mind, but in heart and spirit as well.

How special it is when, as classmates, they come together, whether academically successful, or athletically gifted, or artistic, or perhaps learning disabled, or quiet or shy, or troubled at home, or even perhaps orphaned...as brothers and sisters in Christ around the altar and share the presence of Jesus with each other. These bonds last a lifetime. I know because my adult children remain connected to their friends from their SSPJ grade school years, and I remain connected to their families who have become my lifelong friends. Our school is truly a community of families bonded by faith. And as I watch my grandson thrive academically and spiritually, I am reassured that his education will truly be complete.

“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.” Aristotle.

Clare Farrell-SSPJ Parent & Grandparent



Lighten Up

Experience the power of forgiveness this Easter

RECONCILIATION MONDAY
CHURCHES OPEN FOR CONFESSION
MARCH 26, 3-9 PM

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation An Examination of Conscience

An examination of conscience is not a test. It is a tool. This tool is one way of helping us to reflect on how we have been living our lives as disciples of Jesus. These tools are usually a series of questions designed to help us to look at how well we've been loving as God loves. Sometimes we may find strengths in ourselves. Sometimes we may find weaknesses. Sometimes we may find times when the choices we've made or chose not to make have been sinful, have caused hurt to our relationship with God, with others, and with ourselves.

The following sample examination of conscience is based on a Scripture quote from the book of Micah.

*“This is what the Lord asks of you, only this:
to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)*

God asks us to act justly.

Do I treat the people in my life fairly? Do I share what I have with those around me? with the poor of the world?

Do I treat people of all faiths, races and backgrounds with respect?

Am I faithful and honest in my work?

Have I hurt others by lying or gossiping or judging?

Do I treat God's gifts of nature with respect?

Do I try in whatever ways I can to help bring justice in my community and my world for all people?

***For any times I have not acted justly,
Lord, have mercy.***

God asks us to love tenderly.

Do I act in loving ways toward my family? my friends?

Do I show compassion for those who are hurting?

Do I try to help those who are ill or who are troubled?

When someone has hurt me and seeks forgiveness, do I forgive? Do I hold on to hurts or grudges? Do I seek revenge?

Do I treasure and respect the gift of sexuality - my own and others?

How do I act toward or think about people who are different from me?

***For any times I have not loved tenderly,
Lord, have mercy.***

We are asked to walk humbly with God.

Do I speak to God every day in prayer? Do I listen to God speaking to me through the Bible? through Mass and Communion? through other people?

Do I see my life, my time, my talents and abilities as gifts from God? Have I tried to develop my talents and abilities through work, study, and play?

Do I share what God has given me with others in my family? my parish? my community? my world?

Do I thank God for the people and the laughter in my life? Do I ask God to guide me, helping me to make good and loving choices in all I do?

***For any times I have not walked humbly with you, Lord,
have mercy.***

Time for more prayer -

After taking time to consider these questions, ask God to guide you to whatever areas may need the most attention. Perhaps you found some questions difficult, or perhaps you were drawn to spend more time thinking about one of the areas mentioned. Perhaps you have concerns or questions. These might be good areas to bring to confession.

**BE MERCIFUL TO ME, O GOD,
BECAUSE OF YOUR CONSTANT
LOVE.**
Psalm 51

Our Lenten Journey ... "Be the Light" ~Reflections

We have asked a few Youth Ministry members to offer a few words to encourage us all to "Be Light" this Lenten season

"Be Light"

What does it mean to "Be Light"? Be The Light is the theme for Lent this year. During this time we celebrate Jesus death and resurrection to heaven where He now lives with the heavenly father. Jesus has taught us to Be The Light in many ways. The first way Jesus has taught us is by teaching others. Teaching is done in all different ways. Some examples are becoming a school teacher and teaching children or being a police officer and helping people in a emergency. However you don't need to be a school teacher or a police officer. It can simply be helping a friend with a math problem that they don't understand or showing an employee how to do the job correctly. Jesus wants you to teach the life lessons, big and small, just as He did.

"Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith", (Hebrews 13:7).

This bible verse explains another way to "Be Light" during Lent. Jesus was a leader throughout his life. People looked up to him as an example, for advice, for healing and much more. Jesus wants us to be a leader. Guide people in the right direction and give the right advice. Set an example for younger generations by being the better person. Show all people that it does not matter that any gender or any race can stop you from being a leader like Jesus. Be a leader and never a follower.

Lastly, and most importantly Being Light is about being the best person you can be. Jesus never altered himself for others. He always gave forgiveness no matter what. To become a better person forgiveness is number one on the list. It might be hard to forgive a person for what they have done but you should never hold a grudge because you might regret it. Whether it is teaching, being a leader or being the best person you can be, by following in Jesus footsteps you will always Be Light.

Francesca Zarcone
Sophomore, Smithtown High School East

Music Ministry

The start of Holy Week is filled with special Music. All thought out and chosen to reflect the themes of all the Masses and Prayer services.

Take time in prayer to listen to all the choir's special hymns. At 5pm the Chords of faith will sing "Your Only Son" the Lamb of God. The 10am choir will sing a new hymn "Entrance into Jerusalem, Jesus coming into Jerusalem and the crowds cheering. Pray as you listen. Then together let us sing the Mass hymns that are so familiar to us.

The choirs have been working hard through Lent to prepare these songs. How wonderful is Music that we can express our feelings through sung prayer. We end Palm Sunday with the spiritual, "Were You There."

We remember and make the story our own. Christ's suffering and death into the present transforms us in its light. We will hear the hymn again on Good Friday. Imagine what it must have been like that first Good Friday, if you "Were There".



2018 Goal



\$119,700

Pledges
at 3/19/18

\$69,750.

2018
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
APPEAL

*Supporting Dramatic Missionary Growth
on Long Island and Beyond*

Hands of Christ's Mercy



**You can make a difference in the lives of those around us by
making a gift to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Every Gift Counts!

A gift of \$25 may help pay the gas for a Meals-On-Wheels van to deliver food for a day.

A gift of \$50 from an emergency fund may help pay the electric bill in a cold winter month for a family in need.

A gift of \$100 may help care for a newborn infant in Catholic Charities Regina Residence.

A gift of \$250 may help subsidize a home for an adult who is developmentally disabled.

A gift of \$1,000 may help support a Seminarian's education.

Because of you, every year we are able to serve more than 600,000 people in our Long Island Community. This support enables our children to continue to receive the gift of spiritual formation, sacramental preparation, and quality education. It allows seminarians and lay leaders to fulfill their calling to serve the community. With your support Catholic Charities can maintain its services for the poor and disadvantaged, and we can continue to reach out to our young people and others to find the best ways to guide and pass on our faith from generation to generation.

For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit
CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

Please consider what you can do to make this campaign successful.

Please make your check payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal

Pledge: \$ _____
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Parish: _____

Name: _____

Monthly Quarterly

Address: _____

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City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Donor Signature: _____ Acct# _____

SSPJ 2018 Parish Lenten Project: "Raise the Roof" *We are the Light*

During this Season of Lent,

Any donations made to the Children's Jug will be donated to our "Raise the Roof" Lenten project!

Thank you to all our children and families who support this effort!



Let us "Light the Way" for our brothers and sisters in Nahinso, Ghana by helping them to place a roof upon the substation church that they began building in 2014.

Our very own, Father Patrick began this effort before he left Ghana.

Since he left, they have been unable to obtain the needed support to continue this very important effort.

If you wish to contribute to this effort:

**Checks are made payable to : SSPJ PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY
In the Memo Section: WRITE: GHANA**

PLEASE STOP IN THE PRAYER ROOM
TO SEE MORE PHOTOS OF THE
EFFORT OF BUILDING THE
SUBSTATION CHURCH IN
NAHINSO, GHANA



Caring for God's Creation



From the Committee for Peace, Justice and the
Care of Creation

The talk on sustainability, originally planned for March 7, has been rescheduled for Monday, April 9. Join us to hear Dr. Katherine Aubrecht, Dept. of Chemistry SUSB, on environmental protection from a scientific perspective, in particular on the growing problem of plastic waste and ways to combat it. We will meet at 7:30 PM in the St. James, Setauket parish center Room 104.

Help Is Needed at :



Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen
Located in: St. James Catholic Church, Setauket

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY:

A COOK FOR THE SUNDAY MEAL

WHEN:

EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

If interested, kindly contact: Dan Liddy
at 631-751-2869

Religious Education News for the Week of March 25th, 2018

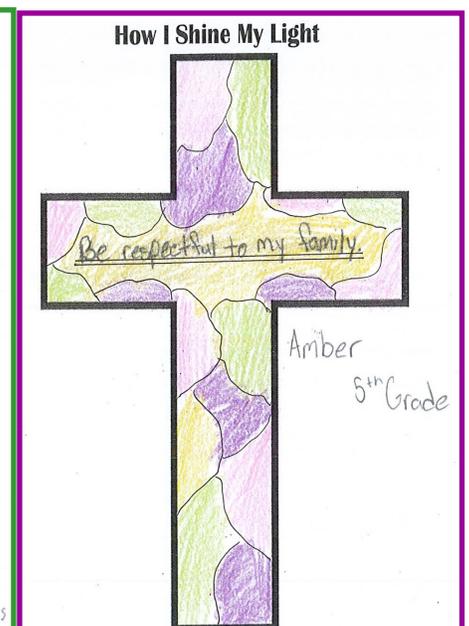
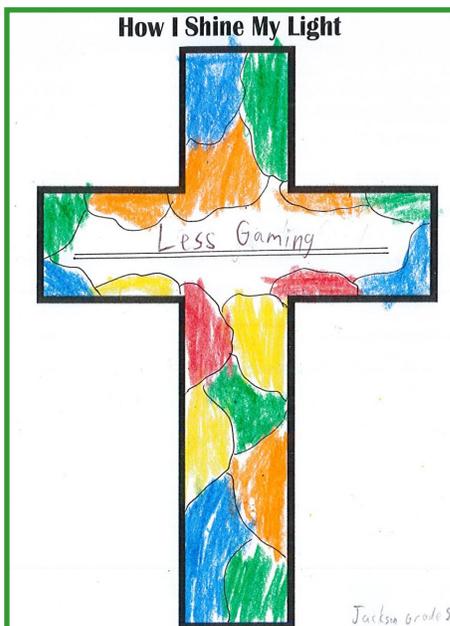
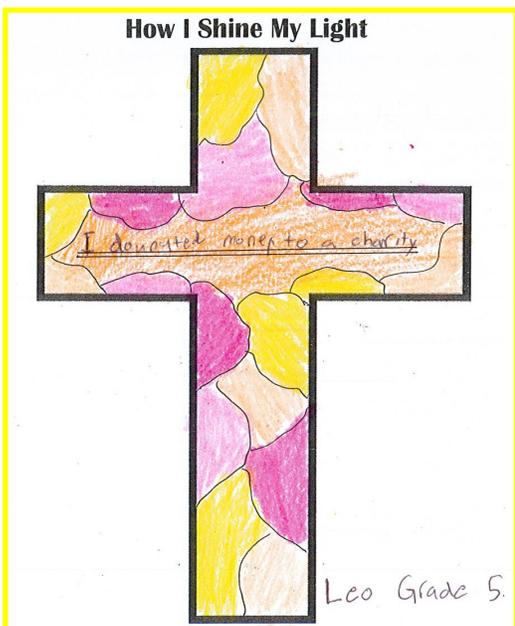
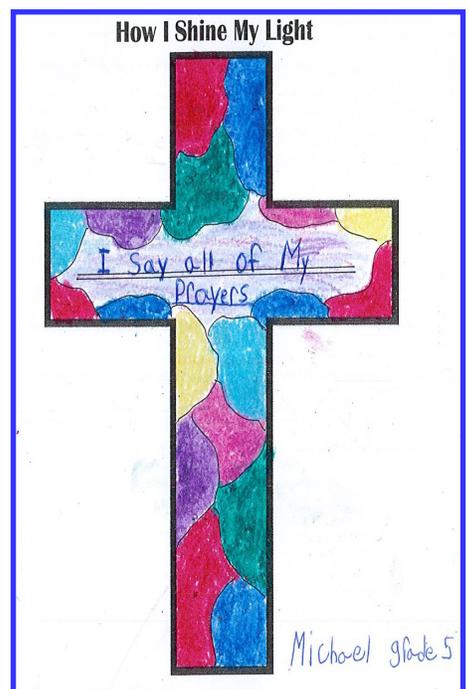
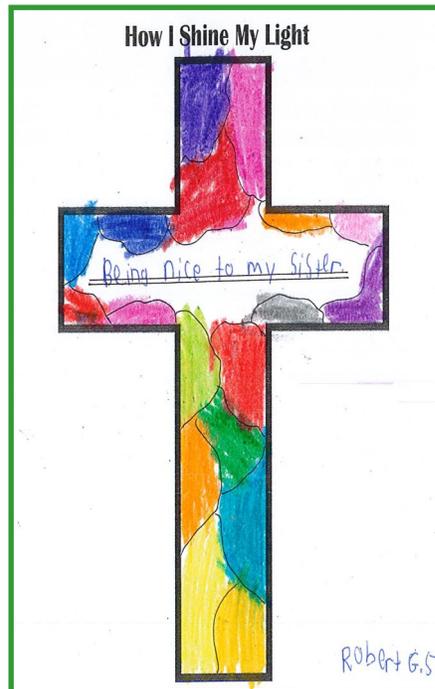
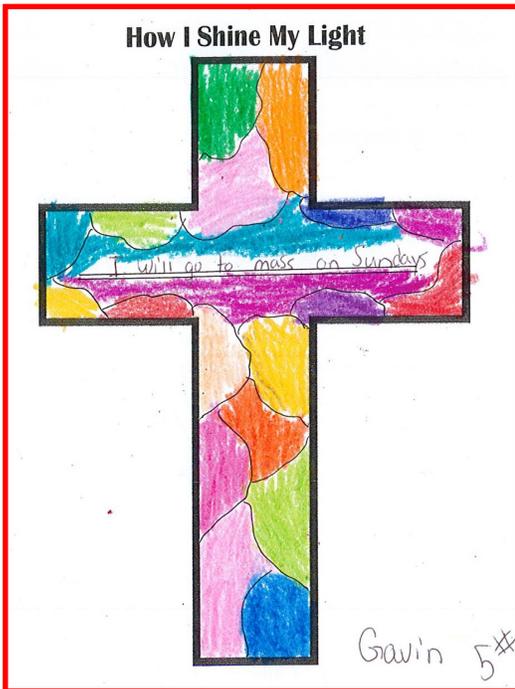
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Saturday, April 14th, 2018
At Sts. Philip & James at 11am and 2pm

Please pray for our Candidates and their Sponsors and Families as they approach this blessed day.

**There will be no Religious Education Classes on
Thursday, March 29, 2018**

Some Lessons on "Being The Light" From our Religious Education Students!!!
Are You Shining Your Light?

our Religious Education Students who are certainly "Shining their Light!"



SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of March 25th, 2018

Sunday, March 25th, 2018

10:00am Children's Liturgy School Multi-purpose Rm
 11:00am Stained Glass Club Stained Glass Wkshp
 6:30pm Youth Ministry Stations Rehearsal Church/Aud.
 7:00pm AA Meeting Philip & James Room

Monday, March 26th, 2018

1:15pm Senior Group Meeting Philip & James Rm
 3:00pm Confessions Church
 7:00pm Youth Ministry Music Practice Bethany Ctr LL Rm#4
 7:30pm Prayer & Reconciliation Service Church

Tuesday, March 27th, 2018:

1:30pm Spirit of Love Prayer Group Prayer Room Church
 4:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal Choir Loft
 7:30pm Chords of Faith Rehearsal Choir Loft

Wednesday, March 28th, 2018:

6:30pm Youth Ministry Stations Rehearsal Church/Aud.
 7:00pm Youth Ministry Auditorium

Our Bread & Wine

For the Week of
 March 25th, 2018

Are Offered for the intention of
 Maureen & Danny Wiechert

On the occasion of their

10th Wedding Anniversary

May God Keep them in His care.

Peter & Pat O'Hara

Banns of Marriage

Second

Max MacBarb

To

Cara Hallahan

Sts. Philip & James



Holy Thursday, March 29th

9:15am—Morning Prayer

8:00pm—Mass of the Lord's Supper
 concluding with procession to the Old Church
 where Eucharistic Adoration continues until
 midnight.



The holy oils used in Baptism, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick, blessed by the bishop at the Chrism Mass earlier in the day are presented.

We follow Jesus' model of service by washing feet.



We celebrate the institution of the Eucharist, sharing in the Body and Blood of Jesus.



Good Friday, March 30th



9:15am—Morning Prayer
 12noon—Living Stations of the Cross
 3pm—Celebration of the Lord's Passion
 8:00pm—Living Stations of the Cross

We journey with Jesus, being present to him on the road to Calvary.

Following the reading of the Passion, all are invited to venerate the cross with a bow, a touch or a kiss.

We then receive Communion. The hosts were consecrated on Holy Thursday, since there is no Mass celebrated today—the only day of the year Mass is not celebrated.

Holy Saturday, March 31st

9:15am—Morning Prayer, followed by blessing of Easter food.

8pm—Easter Vigil
 (This 2 hour celebration is the only celebration of Mass today.)

This is a day of waiting, of vigiling. It is a quiet day, as we prepare for the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus, who brings us new life. The Vigil begins in darkness. Then a fire provides light for the new Paschal Candle, representing Christ, our Light. From this single flame, the tapers held by the baptized present are lit, filling the church with the light of Christ. We then hear the stories of our faith, from creation through the journey of the Israelites, to the life and resurrection of Jesus. We welcome new members to our faith through Baptism, Confirmation and they join us in reception of the Eucharist.

Weekly Collection:
 Sunday March 18th, 2018
 Sunday Collection: \$14,610.
 Faith Direct: \$3,823.
 Children's Jug: \$ 46.
Total Collection: \$18,479.

Many thanks for your
 generous support of,
 Sts. Philip & James Parish



Mass Intentions, For the week of March 25th, 2018

Saturday, March 24th, 2018

5:00pm Virginia Kelly

Sunday, March 25th, 2018

8:00am For The Parishioners of SSPJ

10:00am Maryellen Mannarino

12:00 Noon Collective Mass:
Robert Remhild & Beatrice Harney
Paige Keely
Craig A. Vigliotti
Alfred Koenig

Monday, March 26th, 2018

7:30am Michael Fleming

9:15am Kathryn Griffis

Tuesday, March 27th, 2018

7:30am

9:15am James Mahon

We Ask You to Remember Our Brothers & Sisters In your Prayers those who are ill...

Anna Capizzio
Angela Amoroso
Angela Boccio McComb
AnnMarie M.
Baby Mattia Lubrano
Betty Schmidt
Brett Dowling
Brennan Steinorth
Bryan Van Colt
Carole Hennessy
Carol Walz
Catherine Burseind
Christel DeBlasio
Christopher Tallarico
Daisy Abruzzo
Dawn Kopel
Dylan Lauro
Eileen Zink
Elinor Glasser
Faith VanGostein
Florence Donahue
Ginny McAuley
Greg
Hillary Boehme
James Gietzen
Jeanine Esposito Tansey
Josette Perconti
Joseph Perconti

John Capizzio
John Hernandez
Julianne
Kathleen N.
Kitty Cronin,
Kylie Quigley
Laura Andrucki & family
Linda Sue
Louis Giordano
Marie DelCielo,
Marie Fabry
Marie Loughlin
Mary McDonough
Michael LaVecchia
Nancy Fornabia
Pasquale Santoro
Patricia Casey
Patricia Fontana
Patricia Monetti
Robin Graham Denis
Raymond Fox
Rosemary Morgan
Sean Winters
Suzanne McCue
Terence Hobbes
Teresa Orlik
Vivien Cordes

Wednesday, March 28th, 2018

7:30am Agnes Kingston

9:15am Ralph & Theresa Guzzo

Thursday, March 29th, 2018~Holy Thursday

9:15am Morning Prayer - *No intentions*

Friday, March 30th, 2018~ Good Friday

9:15am Morning Prayer-*No intentions*

Saturday, March 31st, 2018~Holy Saturday

9:15am Morning Prayer~ *No intentions*

8:00pm Easter Vigil ~ *No intentions*

Sunday, April 1st, 2018 ~ Easter Sunday

8:00am Easter Novena

10:00am Easter Novena

12:00 Noon Collective Mass:
Easter Novena



We Pray for those Who Serve



LCDR. MEGAN M. SHUTKA-VIK, USN
CAPT. WILSON MARKS, USN
CAPTAIN MICHAEL DOLAN, JR.
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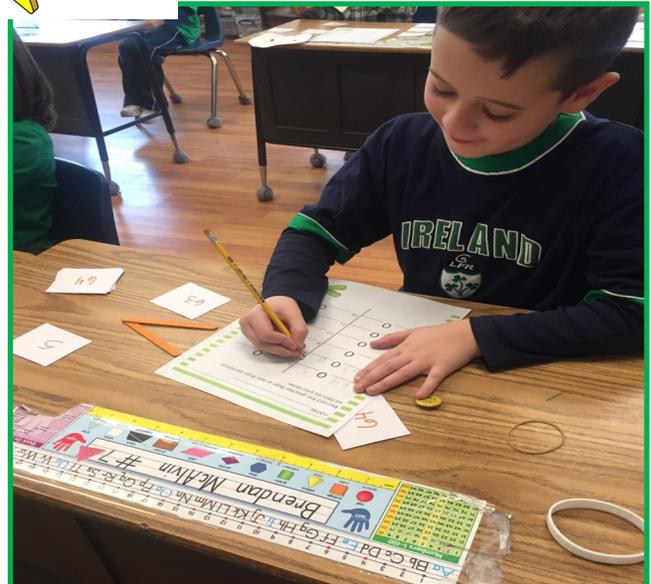
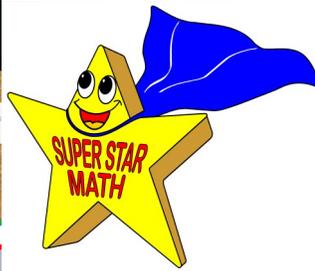
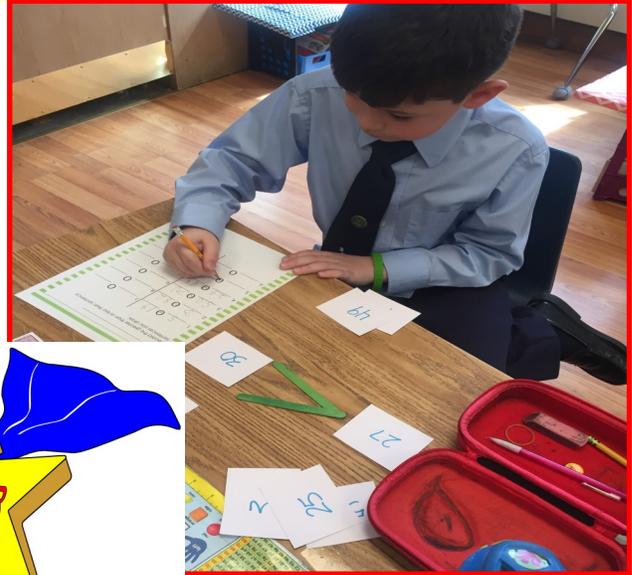
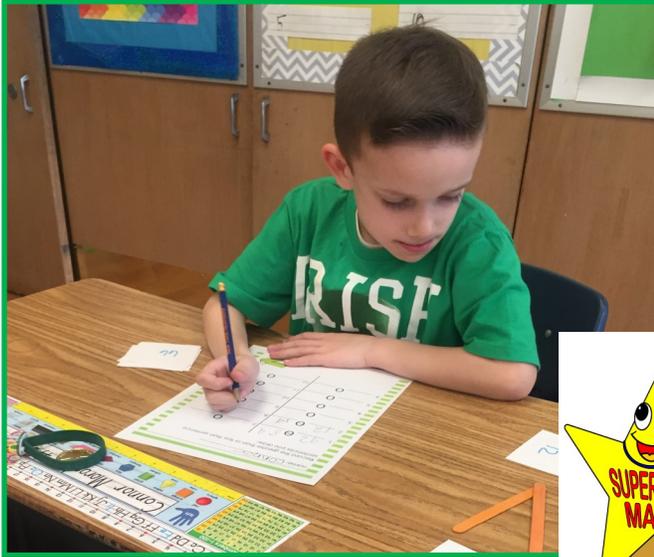
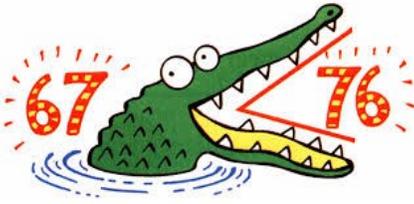
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the
faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*

SSPJ School News

In first grade we are learning about comparing numbers.

We used popsicle sticks to figure out which number is

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MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018

Guest Speaker: Mr. Charles Morgan,
Retired Assistant Professor of History, Dowling College
Topic: "Pope Pius XII, Servant of God?"

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018

Guest Speaker: Msgr. Brian McNamara,
Pastor, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
Topic: "Obstacles to Prayer"

WHERE & WHEN: Main Church: North Country Rd., Saint James, NY
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Getting Ready for Next Sunday

April 1st— Easter Sunday— Cycle B

Scripture Readings ONLINE

The website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides the text of the Scripture Readings. Go to: www.usccb.org . Click on the date.

Reflections on Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Acts 10:34a,37-43 *Psalms 118*
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 *John 20:1-9*

Some see Easter merely as the harbinger of spring. We rejoice in the longer days and warmer weather. Easter is, of course, much more than another springtime.

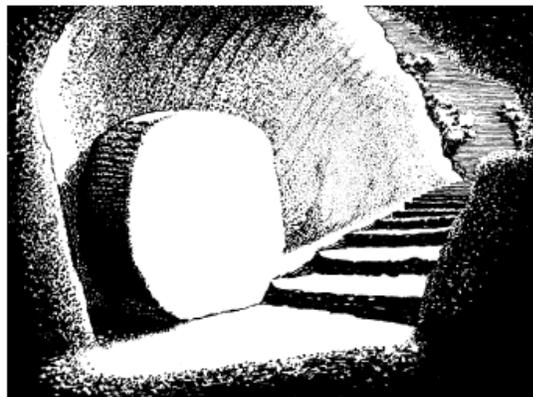
Today's readings demand that we view Easter in terms of personal conversion. They help us understand Easter as the transformation experience of Jesus, which is to become the transformation experience of Christians. The empty tomb is the invitation to a fuller life.

Psalms 118 calls for the celebration of newness in one's life. The "I" of the psalm is quite likely a king who, having experienced some social or political upheaval, now sings of Yahweh's miraculous deliverance. Verse 22 describes the psalmist's amazement in terms of masonry. The stone rejected by the builders is nothing less than the cornerstone. The New Testament interprets this image as Jesus' exaltation. (See Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11; 1 Peter 2:7.) Easter is the reversal of Jesus' passion and death; it is the celebration of new life.

In the second reading, Paul uses the imagery of Passover to motivate the moral behavior of the people. Passover celebrates the journey from the land of bondage to the land of freedom. Easter, the Christian Passover, also celebrates a journey: Jesus' trek from death to new life. This trek demands a radical change in the life of Christians: "Not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth" (vs. 8).

Easter Sunday is not intended to be a quiet reflection on the emptiness of the tomb. Rather, it is the recalling of Jesus' transformation that calls for conversion in our lives. All of us are to become cornerstones. Those who labor for the transformation of the poor, the indigent, and the disenfranchised are the new stone of the empty tomb, announcing the defeat of death and the victory of the truly human life Jesus won for us on the cross.

- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.
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For reflection...

Mary Magdalene, Peter and John found the stone rolled away and the tomb where Jesus had been lain empty. What might they have been feeling? How might you have felt?

The Scriptures tell us that Jesus had to rise from the dead, and like the first disciples, we do not fully understand. Like the disciples we continue to grow in experiencing the Risen Lord. In what ways have you encountered the new life of Easter?

In the first reading, Peter speaks of being witnesses and being commissioned. We too are witnesses and have been commissioned through our Baptismal promises which we renew today. In what ways do you live out your baptismal commission?

Reflect on ways you have seen "a little yeast leaven all the dough". How might we let nurture the new yeast of sincerity and truth?

OUR NEED TO PRAY

Unless you somehow have a foot outside of your culture, the culture will swallow you whole. Daniel Berrigan wrote that and it's true too in this sense: Unless you can drink in strength from a source outside yourself, your natural proclivities for paranoia, bitterness, and hatred will invariably swallow you whole.

The disciples in Luke's Gospel understood this. They approached Jesus and asked him to teach them how to pray because they saw him doing things that they did not see anyone else doing. He was able to meet hatred with love, to genuinely forgive others, to endure misunderstanding and opposition without giving in to self-pity and bitterness, and to retain within himself a center of peace and non-violence. This, they knew, was as extraordinary as walking on water, and they sensed that he was drawing the strength to do this from a source outside him, through prayer.

They knew they themselves were incapable of resisting bitterness and hatred and they wanted to be as strong as Jesus and so they asked him: *Lord, teach us to pray.* No doubt they imagined that this would simply be a question of learning a certain technique; but as the Gospels make clear, linking to a divine source outside of ourselves isn't always easy or automatic, even for Jesus, as we see from his struggle in the Garden of Gethsemane, his "agony in the garden".

Jesus, himself, had to struggle mightily at times to ground himself in God as we see from his prayer in Gethsemane. His struggle there is described as an "agony", and this needs to be carefully understood. "Agony" was a technical term used at the time for athletes. Before entering the stadium or arena for a contest, athletes would first work their bodies into a sweat, a warm lather, an agony, to make their muscles warm and ready for the contest. The Gospels tell us that Jesus also worked himself into a sweat, except in his case he sweated blood as he readied himself in his heart for the contest, the test, he was about to enter, his passion.

And what was that contest? The test he was readying himself for wasn't as it is commonly believed an agonizing over the decision whether to let himself be crucified or whether to invoke divine power and save himself from this humiliation and death. That was never the issue in his struggle in Gethsemane. He had long before accepted that he was going to die. The question was how, how would he die, in love or in bitterness?

In the end, it was a struggle to strengthen his will so that he would die with a loving, warm, forgiving heart. And it was a struggle; a positive outcome was in doubt. Amidst all the darkness, hatred, bitterness, injustice, and misunderstanding that surrounded him, amidst everything that stood unfairly against him and was antithetical to his person and message, Jesus struggled mightily to cling to a source that could give him the strength to resist the hatred and violence around him, that could give him the heart to forgive his enemies, that could give him the graciousness to forgive the good thief, and that could give him the inner strength to turn humiliation, pain, and injustice into compassion rather than bitterness.

The Gospels put this metaphorically as a struggle to "stay awake", namely, to stay awake to his inner identity as God's Beloved, an identity that he appropriated at his baptism and which shaped his very consciousness during all the years of his ministry. In Gethsemane, amidst everything that invites him (and us) into moral amnesia, Jesus manages to stay awake to his deeper reality and to his identity as God's beloved. His disciples don't. As the Gospels tell us, during Jesus' great struggle they fell asleep and their sleep ("out of sheer sorrow") was more than physical fatigue. This is evident when, immediately after Jesus has managed to ground himself against hatred and non-violence, Peter succumbs to both and cuts off the ear of the high priest's servant. Peter was asleep, in more ways than one, in a sleep that signifies the absence of prayer in one's life.

Prayer is meant to keep us awake, which means it's meant to keep us connected to a source outside our of natural instincts and proclivities which can keep us grounded in love, forgiveness, non-retaliation, and non-violence when everything inside of us and around us screams for bitterness, hatred, and retaliation. And if Jesus had to sweat blood in trying to stay connected to that source when he was tested, we can expect that the cost for us will be the same, struggle, agony, wanting in every fiber of our being to give in, clinging to love precariously by the skin of our teeth, and then having God's angel strengthen us only when we've been writhing long enough in the struggle so that we can let God's strength do for us what our own strength cannot do.

Lord, teach us to pray!