



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

631-584-5454

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time
February 11, 2018



*Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand,
touched him, and said to him,
“I do will it. Be made clean.”*

Mark 1:41

“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*

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Pastoral Team

Father Tom Haggerty		Pastor
Father Patrick Osei-Poku		Associate Pastor
Deacon Ronald Blasius		Deacon
Deacon John Keenan		Deacon
Deacon Ken Maher		Deacon
Margaret Adams		Director of Music
Virginia Portanova		Business Manager
John Cordes		Director of Facilities
Lynn Sisti		Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry
Charlotte Czujko		Religious Education Coordinator Grades 1-2
Barbara Luna		Religious Education Coordinator Grades 3-6
Dominick Avento		Religious Education Coordinator Grades 7-8
Suzanne Fitzgibbon		Religious Education Administrator
Frank Brancaccio		Youth Minister

Pastoral Council

Rita Byrne, Claire DiCarlo, Chris Donnelly, Ryan Doyle, Richard Frazita, Lou Guerra, Cynthia Lombardi, Martin Marut, Ann Mondrone, Mary Ann Pose, Noel Rannazzisi, Tom Sica, Robert Thompson

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Jerry Linder ~ Tina Cafaro

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,

In today's readings we hear of the treatment of those suffering from leprosy. They were seen as outcasts, as untouchable. Yet in the gospel, a man with leprosy approaches Jesus and speaks with him, revealing his faith that if Jesus wishes, the man can be healed. And how does Jesus respond? He not only answers that he does desire to heal the man, he reaches out and touches him. Fr. John Foley, SJ, reflects,

Direct, honest, so revealing of God. The whole life of Jesus consists of a desire to give to people who are in trouble and who believe, even if they have only a small faith by which to receive, as well as large wounds.

In an extraordinary move, Jesus stretches out his hand and touches the man. As noted, the ancients thought that Leprosy was communicable, and at the very least disgusting. But Jesus touched him with care and said, "Be made clean." Our spiritual life consists of being "made clean," no matter how disgusting our failings may be. We must receive Jesus' touch, especially his touch upon our souls.

Do we have faith that Jesus desires to heal us - whatever our pain, our suffering? Anne Osdieck offers a prayer we can join in:

*O Healer, wounded by our sins, we kneel before you.
Reach to us. Lay your hand upon us.
By your terrible wounds, please heal us.
And moved with pity, send us, damaged and ragged,
to heal the broken-hearted, and anyone who suffers .
Caress your world. Make us yours.*

Lent begins this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday. Our theme this year is **Be the Light**. You will notice the San Damiano Cross in the sanctuary during Lent. This Cross is the one which will hang in our "new old church". It is a copy of the cross from which St. Francis of Assisi heard the words "rebuild my church". Francis' understanding of those words developed for him over time. He came to recognize the Lord was speaking of the people, the Body of Christ, not just the physical building. In the prayer so often associated with him, Francis prayed. "**Where there is darkness, let me bring Light.**" Hence, our parish Lenten mission is to **Be the Light** for one another as instruments/Apostles of Hope. We will have many opportunities during the 40 days to concentrate on that theme.

I encourage you to sign up again for Dynamic Catholics Best *Lent Ever*. It's described a little further on in today's bulletin. Our friend Father Kevin Cronin, OFM, will speak at all the Masses next weekend inviting us to join him as he leads our Lenten Mission. Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent and will follow a Lenten Soup Supper on February 23rd.

As a form of parish almsgiving, Lynn Sisti, our new Parish Social Ministry coordinator, has suggested we try to literally put a roof on a church Father Patrick began construction on years ago in Ghana. These ideas will be further developed as we make the Lenten journey together.

Meanwhile, someone mistakenly sent me these Senior Texting Codes. In case someone needs them:

ATD - at the doctor's
BFF - best friend fell
BTW - bring the wheelchair
FWIW - forgot where I was

and finally -

ROFLACGU - rolling on floor laughing and can't get up

Peace,

Father Tom

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

The Church in Need

On February 18, 2018 a collection will be taken for "The Church in Need." The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is particular need for help:

- ◆ **Church in Central and Eastern Europe** - the Collection provides support for basic pastoral programs and makes scholarships available for students studying to serve their local church. These students become vital participants in the renewal of the Church in the region.
- ◆ **The Church in Latin America** faces many difficult challenges. Natural disasters in many areas caused lasting damage to the Church, while a significant loss of parishioners to migration and to other faiths, the inability to support itself financially, and a lack of priests and religious to help effectively minister to the large number of Catholics continue to trouble the region.
- ◆ **The Church in Africa** – the funds will go to assisting African countries where poverty, sickness and political strife prevent people from living in dignity.

Thank you for your generosity.

An Apostle of Hope Invitation to "Be The Light"



Happily we will be offering the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the Saturday 5 pm Mass, beginning Saturday, February 17th!

Each week we will offer the Children's Liturgy of the Word on Saturday, at the 5:00pm Mass as well as on Sunday, at the 10:00am Mass.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is for children in kindergarten through grade 4.

We are in need of high school students or adults willing to assist as chaperones bringing the children downstairs and then again up to rejoin the rest of the community at the time of the Prayer of the Faithful.

This can be once a month, or whatever commitment you are able to make.

We really need your help.

If you can help, kindly contact the Parish Center Office at 631-584-5454.

Thank you for your kindness.

2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

*Supporting Dramatic Missionary Growth
on Long Island and Beyond*



"Each of us must respond to the gift of mercy in our hearts by getting up and putting mercy into action"

- Pope Francis

Hands of Christ's Mercy

Please consider making a gift to the
2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal.



For more information, to watch our video
or to make a donation,
visit CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org
or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296





DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

LENT 2018

Dear Friends:

As we look to the future we are aware that we continue to face difficulties both here on Long Island and in our country at large. Whether they involve the opioid epidemic, gang violence, racism, or any other threat, a deep trust and reliance on the Risen Christ is necessary for us to advance and make progress in dealing with these problems.

In order to better welcome the Resurrected Jesus into our hearts, a solid Lenten spirituality grounded in prayer, fasting and almsgiving for the needs of the Church and the World is essential.

On Wednesday, April 4, 2018 we will commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the tragic death of Dr. Martin Luther King. Our commemoration of this anniversary falls appropriately between Easter Sunday (April 1) and Divine Mercy Sunday (April 8).

I would ask that during the Lenten season we all prepare for this historic anniversary by dedicating dimensions of our Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving to the pursuit of racial harmony and comprehensive immigration reform grounded in the principles of the sanctity of human life and the dignity of the human person.

By aligning our Lent in solidarity with our African American and Hispanic brothers and sisters and the injustices they have suffered and are suffering, we dream and act with Dr. King and his clarion call for justice in our land.

We dream and act in a way that treasures the African American legacy of contribution in this country. We dream and act in a way that not only welcomes our Hispanic brothers and sisters but expresses our deep appreciation for their gifts and leadership in the Church and in American society, and we advocate together for comprehensive immigration reform.¹

We also think and pray globally this Lent as we remember the people in North Korea, Jerusalem and every country in the Middle East, Bangladesh, Haiti, Venezuela, South Sudan, Somalia, Burundi, The Democratic Republic of the Congo, The Central African Republic, Nigeria and every war-torn and poverty-stricken area of the World.

We remember the poor, the homeless, the unemployed, those who suffer with mental illness, chronic physical illness and pain. We remember the hundreds of thousands of unborn children whose innocent lives are taken every year through abortion and the terrible toll this takes on individuals, families and our entire society.

¹ See Bishop Barres' September 21, 2017 Founder's Week Keynote Address at St. John's University entitled *The Relationship between Catholic Sacramental Theology and Catholic Social Justice Teaching: The Sacrament of Penance in Service of 'Welcoming the Stranger'* in the January 2018 edition of *The Long Island Catholic*.

We remember the addicted and particularly those who suffer opioid addiction, those ensnared in the culture of death of gangs, drug trade, human trafficking, and their victims -- who are often children -- at the borders, those who suffer violations of religious liberty and the sanctity of human life, those who suffer from the trauma of sexual abuse and all forms of abuse, harassment or cyberbullying, those in the midst of a family or marital crisis, those who grieve the loss of a child, a spouse, a friend, a loved one. We remember the painful crosses that our elderly carry and we give thanks for the wisdom and prayer that they model for us.

And, of course, we remember our servicemen and women overseas and their families back home, and our first responders here. We remember our Veterans and their sacrifices.²

As we prepare for the Easter Vigil Fire and for Easter Sunday, we ask the Holy Spirit to guide and refresh us during this Season of Lent. So often the cycles and seasons of life can become routine and stale. When applied specifically to Lent, we may find ourselves doing the same things each year, which results in them becoming commonplace and no longer a challenge.

A frequent theme for Lent is “giving something up”. Many times this takes the form of refraining from junk food or sweets. This is a good challenge, but it is important to remember that Lent should not be just a time for losing weight; fasting without prayer is just dieting. Additionally, food is not all that we “consume”.

All the things we allow into our senses are important to examine. What we watch, what we listen to are just as important as what we eat. One thing we consume in great quantities is social media.

Like all technology, do we use our social media for good or do we become consumed by it? Social media can help us connect with people and provide us important and relevant information but it can also be used to waste valuable time or to engage in angry, critical arguments.

During Lent may I suggest that we do an examination of conscience in regard to our use of social media? Can we intentionally leverage every dimension of our presence on a range of social media platforms to pursue *dramatic missionary growth* on Long Island?

We may do that by giving testimony on Facebook to a positive experience of a Catholic parish, a Catholic Bible Study or a Catholic school. We may post an image on Pinterest or Periscope of a parish activity or Holy Hour experience that was particularly meaningful. We might establish a link on our platform to the *Long Island Catholic*.

We might witness on a social media platform as a married couple or family about the value of the Sacrament of Penance to family forgiveness and unity as we encourage other families we know to participate in *Reconciliation Monday* on Monday, March 26, 2018.

² These intentions reflect some of the intentions Bishop Barres mentioned in his Christmas Midnight Mass and Christmas Morning homily thus giving some continuity to our prayers and sacrifices across liturgical seasons.

Our dedicated priests, who are both humble penitents and compassionate confessors, will be available in the confessionals of all our parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Centre on March 26th from 3:00PM – 9:00PM. Please note that the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn join us in this effort so if you are working in Manhattan or Brooklyn that day you could easily go to confession at a nearby parish.

We can also use our social media platforms to follow Catholics who put forth holy and wholesome content that can enrich us spiritually and intellectually. We can follow the Diocese of Rockville Centre, the Office of Vocations, Catholic Charities, and so many more. Additionally we can follow Pope Francis and the Vatican, Bishop Robert Barron's *Word on Fire* and other social media with inspiring and motivating Catholic content.

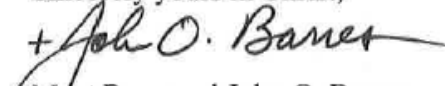
Related to social media, we may tend to “binge watch” videos whether through YouTube or streaming services. This content in and of itself might not be bad, but does it always lift us spiritually? Telecare can aid us in prayers like the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet as well as its inspiring programming.

Additionally, the Augustine Institute has started a new initiative called FORMED. This is an app that has many eBooks we can put on our Kindles and iPads, lectures and talks we can listen to on our phones during our commutes to work and school, and Catholic movies and presentations that we can stream online, almost like a Catholic Netflix.

Many of our parishes on Long Island have already invested in FORMED and are strategizing about how best to have a higher percentage of parishioners to be actively “formed” by the excellent content.

Finally, outside of the realm of media, something that always nourishes and enriches us is the Sacraments. Frequent reception of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation help re-center and reorder us. May this Lent be a source of *dramatic missionary growth* both in our lives and for our great Diocese and beyond.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


+ John O. Barres
Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Anointing of the Sick

*I was anointed before during a serious illness. May I be anointed again?
I'm having major surgery in a few weeks. When should I be anointed?
I suffer from severe arthritis. Am I eligible to be anointed?*

With our renewed understanding of the Anointing of the Sick, many questions such as those above are asked. The introduction to the rite states that this sacrament is intended for "those Christians whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age." (#97) As our knowledge of the human person has grown, we recognize that illness may be not only physical, but also psychological, emotional and spiritual. When a condition seriously affects how we live our lives, celebrating the Anointing of the Sick may be appropriate. Many persons advancing in years live full and active lives. However, some may be confronted with increasing limitations, perhaps not due to a specific illness. These persons may also wish to celebrate the sacrament, seeking God's peace.

So, at a celebration of the Anointing of the Sick we may find a variety of people gathered – people struggling with serious illness, both critical or chronic; older people seeking strength to adjust to physical limitations; persons struggling with an addiction or depression; persons preparing for imminent surgery; etc. Also gathered will be members of the community, family and friends, all joining in praying for God's healing and peace for those being anointed.

After being anointed once, when may a person seek the sacrament again? This depends on the person's situation. If a new illness or limitation develops, people may wish to celebrate the sacrament again. If there is a relapse or reoccurrence of an illness, the sacrament may be celebrated again. If a condition is chronic or ongoing, or if a person continues to struggle with daily limitations, some prayerful reflection is advised to discern when it might be appropriate to be anointed again. Consultation with a priest is helpful in discerning the timing of celebrating again.

What might the effects of celebrating this sacrament be?

"The first grace of this sacrament is one of strengthening, peace and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness or the frailty of old age." (CCC#1520) The Sec-



ond Vatican Council reminded us that "the purpose of the sacraments is to make people holy, to build up the Body of Christ and to give worship to God." (SC #59) Through the celebration of this sacrament, those being anointed seek to gain strength, hope and healing – though the kind of healing is entrusted to God. We don't call the shots! We unite ourselves more closely with Jesus, who also knew pain and suffering. We trust that Jesus walks with us, sharing our burden, offering us peace – his peace.

*Those celebrating the
Anointing of the Sick
are examples for all of us
of the power of faith.*

*Their prayer does
"build up the Body of Christ"
– that is, us.*

*And we who celebrate with them
enrich our own faith
as we support their journey.*

CELEBRATING THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK AT SSPJ

Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during Mass on

Sunday, February 11, 2018 at the 12:00 Noon Mass

Family, friends, members of the community are invited to join in prayer,
sitting in the pews behind those being anointed.

To assist in planning, please call the rectory (584-5454) if you wish to be anointed during this Mass.

If someone in need of anointing is unable to come to Mass, please contact the rectory so that arrangements may be made for the priest to anoint at home. Again, family and friends are encouraged to be present, joining in prayer for the person who is ill. The priest will bring all that is needed for the sacrament with him.

You may wish to light a candle, as a sign of Christ, our Light, shining through any darkness of illness.

Saints Philip & James Parish

Welcomes All To

A Eucharistic Celebration For Healing~ Anointing of The Sick Mass

This Weekend, Sunday, February 11, 2018

At the 12:00 Noon Mass

Anointing of the Sick, a Sacrament of Healing, is intended for all who are suffering from the effects of physical illness, chronic illness, mental, psychological, spiritual or emotional suffering. It is for those who have become frail as they traverse the path of life's journey or those who are having surgery or recovering from surgery.

Anointing with sacred oil is a sign of blessing by the Holy Spirit of the one who is sick,

By the sacred anointing and the prayer of the priest, the whole Church commends those who are sick to Christ.

**If you are moved to attend this very special Mass,
Kindly contact the Parish Center at 631-584-5454.**

Reserved seating for those requiring medical or physical accommodations, will be designated at the center break of the church in the first pews.

Light refreshments will be served immediately following the Mass.

If you are not sure whether you will be able to attend, until the actual day, please come.

All are welcome.

Caring for those who suffer is not a burden, but a gift.

*Those who care for the
sick do holy and important work;
they walk with Christ's suffering people and in doing
so, serve Christ himself (Mt 25:31-46)*

Our Lenten Journey ...

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018



Distribution of Ashes Schedule

- 7:30am Mass & Distribution of Ashes
9:15am Mass & Distribution of Ashes
12:00 Word Service & Distribution of Ashes
3:00pm Word Service & Distribution of Ashes
5:00pm Word Service & Distribution of Ashes
7:30pm Mass & Distribution of Ashes

Apostles of Hope Opportunity:

VERY BRIEF TRAINING SESSION AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND:

We are seeking the assistance of a few adults who might be willing to help with the distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday.

We are also seeking a few children to assist in the distribution of our Lenten bracelets.

If interested, kindly sit in the front center pew after Mass today! Many thanks for your assistance.



Stations of the Cross

Walking in the footsteps of Jesus on the road to Calvary has been the desire of millions of disciples. Some have been fortunate to travel to Jerusalem and walk the Via Dolorosa, the Way of Sorrow, stopping along the path to remember the events of Jesus' passion. Over the centuries, people would make this journey, not in Jerusalem, but in local neighborhoods, in churches, and in their hearts. The stops along the way became known as stations, and following the entire journey became known as making the Stations of the Cross.

It has been a Lenten tradition to pray the Stations of the Cross as a community on the Friday evenings of Lent. As we continue the tradition this year, we will focus on connecting the cross and suffering of Jesus with the crosses and sufferings so many may be experiencing in life.

Our Stations are simple and low-key, taking about a half hour.

With the cross of Christ always at the center, all are invited to gather to pray the Stations.

Stations of the Cross Friday evenings at 7:30pm in the Church

Friday, February 16th The Cross and Family Challenges

(Praying with and for all generations with children, spouses, singles, all types of families)

Friday, February 23rd The Cross and Grief

(Praying with those coping with losses in life, with those seeking to offer comfort and hope)

Friday, March 2nd The Cross and Times of Crisis

(Praying with those facing critical situations in families, neighborhoods, country and world)

Friday, March 9th The Cross and Illness

(Praying with those suffering with serious illness, caregivers, and those in the healing professions)

Friday, March 16th The Cross and Human Hungers

(Praying with those hungering for food, for work, for security, for companionship, for hope)

Friday, March 23rd The Cross and the World Around Us

(Praying amidst violence and peace, hunger and abundance, prejudice and respect, poverty and hope)

Friday, March 30th The Cross and Jesus

(The Youth Group guides us through "The Living Stations", as we pray to journey with Jesus in the way Jesus did

With faith, with love, with commitment to others)

"Blessed is that Friar who finds all his joy...in the words and deeds of our Lord, and uses them to help others to love God gladly!" St Francis of Assisi

"LOVING GOD GLADLY"

Living the Joy of the Gospel

Saints Philip & James

FRANCISCAN PARISH MISSION

Begins the weekend of February 17th & 18th, 2018

With Father Kevin Cronin, OFM

Parish Mission Will Continue on;

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday;

February 19th, February 20th & February 21st, 2018

Each Day We Offer: A 9:15am Mini Mission at Mass and a 7:30pm Mission Service and talk

Monday, February 19th: ~ God's Love in Jesus Brings Joy!

Tuesday, February 20th: ~ God's Mercy Restores the Joy of Youth!

(Reconciliation will be offered after Mission on February 20th at both sessions)

Wednesday, February 21st: ~ God's Healing Brings New Hope!

"What else are the servants of God but God's minstrels, whose work is to lift up people's hearts to spiritual joy, that they might love God gladly."



Fr. Kevin Cronin, OFM is a native New Yorker. Father Kevin began his preparation to become a Franciscan Priest at the age of 14 at St. Joseph Seraphic Seminary in Callicoon, NY. He received his BA in Philosophy from Catholic University and MA in Theology from Washington Theological Union. He has offered his hands in the Lords service as a Teacher, Vocational Director and Author of two books: Kenosis and A Friar's Joy, Magic Moments from Real Life.

Parish Social Ministry



Please **SAVE THE DATE!**

SSPJ PARISH LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018

AT 6:00PM IN THE AUDITORIUM

**Followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm and
Eucharistic Adoration at 8:00pm in the church**

SSPJ 2018 Parish Lenten Project: "Raise the Roof"

We are called to "Be the Light" not only in our own community but also throughout the world. Parish Social Ministry in conjunction with the Peace and Justice Committee will be starting a Parish Project to "Raise the Roof" of a new church building in Father Patrick's home town in Ghana.

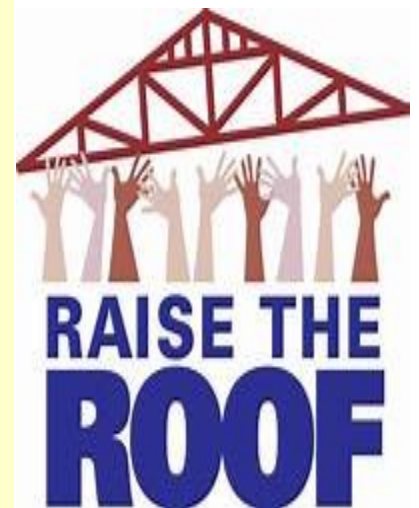
It is a project that he began, but in his absence, little else has been done.

Lent is the perfect starting point and we will continue until we achieve our goal to

"RAISE THE ROOF!"

The children of SSPJ and the Religious Education Program will help by doing some fund raising projects. Monetary contributions are welcomed and should be marked as such. We will keep you informed of the progress we make along the way!

Let us all "Be the Light"



Your Prayers and Your Help Are Needed To Assist a Fellow Parishioner

Fellow Parishioner, Angela Amoroso, a young, beautiful Mother, Daughter, and Sister, is in need of a kidney transplant.

Her blood type is A and or O.

If after prayerful consideration, you may be able to assist in this effort, kindly contact:

*Dr. Knapik– Outreach Transplant Coordinator
Stony Brook University Hospital
(631) 444-6944*

*With Sincere thanks and Appreciation,
The Amoroso Family*



SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of February 11th, 2018

Sunday, February 11th, 2018

8:30am	RCIA	Philip & James Rm
10:00am	Children's Liturgy	Auditorium
11:00am	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Wkshp.
12:00noon	ANNOINTING OF THE SICK MASS	Church
1:00pm	Anointing of the Sick Reception	Auditorium
2:30pm	CAMPS R US OPEN HOUSE	Auditorium
6:00pm	Youth Ministry Stations Rehearsal	Church/Aud.
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room

Monday, February 12th, 2018

1:15pm	Senior Group Meeting	Philip & James Room
7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting	Auditorium

Tuesday, February 13th, 2018:

1:30pm	Spirit of Love Prayer Group	Prayer Room Church
4:30pm	Childrens Choir Rehearsal	Choir Loft
7:00pm	St. Monica Prayer Group	Cantina
7:30pm	Chords of Faith Rehearsal	Choir Loft
8:00pm	Boy Scout Leadership Meeting	Monte Building

Wednesday, February 14th, 2018:

7:00pm	Youth Ministry	Auditorium
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Thursday, February 15th, 2018:

2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Choir Loft

Friday, February 16th, 2018:

3:00pm	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Wkshp
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room
8:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church

Saturday, February 17th, 2018:

No Events Scheduled

Weekly Collection:

Sunday February 4th, 2018

Sunday Collection: \$16,999.

Faith Direct: \$3,823.

Children's Jug: \$ 38.

Propagation of the Faith: \$3,292.

Total Collection: \$24,152.

Many thanks for your generous support
of SSPJ!

Sts. Philip & James Parish

Correction:

The SSPJ Christmas
Collection~2017

Is: \$40,887

Previously reported as:
\$30,229.00



Our Pro Life Rose
For the week of,
February 11th, 2018
Is Dedicated In Loving Memory
Of Our Dear Brother -In -Law,
Tom Vitale
In Honor of His 1st Birthday
In heaven. He is missed
But never forgotten.
Love,
MaryAnn & Jeff Pose



Our Bread & Wine
For the Week of
February 11th, 2018
Are Dedicated
In Loving Memory of Our
Brother-In-Law,
Tom Vitale
Love,
MaryAnn & Jeff Pose`



The Altar Candles
For the Week of
February 11, 2018
Are burning In Honor of
Our Loving Brother-In-Law,
Tom Vitale
Love,
Mary Ann & Jeff Pose`



PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY GANG SUNDAYS

"When did we see you hungry and feed you?"

What is this? A service opportunity aimed at feeding the hungry on Long Island by making sandwiches for distribution to local social service agencies.

When? Sunday –February 25, 2018

Time? 11:15 to 12:30 (Check in at 11:05)

Where? Auditorium

Who? Any person or family with a desire to make a difference in the community.

****Volunteers are asked to bring three loaves of WHOLE WHEAT bread, one jar of jelly and two jars of peanut butter.** In addition, any youth volunteers are to be picked up in front of SSPJ School on Clinton Ave. at 12:15-12:30

******WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF BOXES TO TRANSPORT OUR SANDWICHES . WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMPUTER PAPER BOXES WITH LIDS TO BE DROPPED OFF IN THE AUDITORIUM THE MORNING OF THE PBJ SESSION. THANK YOU!!**

If you are interested in our next Peanut Butter Sunday, please complete the registration form, which can be obtained at the Pastoral Center. Any questions, please leave a message at 584-5454 and we will contact you as soon as possible.

Spirit of Love Prayer Community



Invite you to our weekly prayer gathering wherein we give praise, honor and glory to our Father God through worshipping His Son, Jesus, Our Lord and Savior, as we are prompted by the Holy Spirit.

For Jesus said, "Where two or three of you are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
(Matthew 18:19)

Join us as we worship God through sharing scripture and singing psalms. As we do this, we ask the Holy Spirit to fill us with His gifts of peace, joy, wisdom and steadfast faith and trust in God's love and mercy.

Join us as we lift up the needs of individuals for healing both spiritual and physical , the needs of our parish community and for our country to cherish the religious freedom on which it was founded.

We meet weekly on Tuesdays at 1:30pm in the prayer room of the main church.

All are invited to spend an hour with us-as your schedule allows. We are blessed with a music minister which greatly enhances our praise. If you would rather just rest in the peace you find as we worship you are most welcome. If you wish to participate more fully please bring your bible.

REO Reflections... Reflect The Light

Do you need some inspiration these days?

Well, all you need to do is read some Reflections handed in by our 8th Grade students. The most recent question asked the students to choose someone who was an inspiration to them and to explain how they saw good overcoming evil.

Some chose a teacher who helped them get through a difficult subject; others chose a parent or sibling who were nice to them even when they weren't; or a grandparent who was an inspiration by always encouraging them to make the right choices and teaching them about their faith; or a parent who helped at a soup kitchen; some mentioned a parent in law enforcement protecting us from criminals, or saving lives; they were inspired by the caring acts of so many people after 911; they told of students who spoke out against bullying and by their actions stopped it; and how someone spoke up when a developmentally disabled student was being treated poorly.....

We live in troubled times and a lot of what we see and hear can get us down, but these students were able to recognize God's grace in action and through their reflections I was cheerfully able to see God's grace in them. Thanks eighth graders! You made my day!

Judy Contrino~



Religious Education News for the Week of February 11th, 2018

CONFIRMATION II CREED MASS
ALL 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018 AT 5:00PM MASS

Music Ministry

This week marks the beginning of Lent. Purple vestments are worn and it's a time of quiet and reflection. You will notice several changes happening with the music. There will be no Gathering hymn as the procession will walk to the altar in silence. The sung Lord have Mercy will replace the singing of the Gloria. During the season of Lent the Gloria as well as the Alleluia will not be sung. The acclamations during the Eucharist prayers will also change. We will be singing the Mass of Resurrection.

This can be found in the Music Issue #'s 862, 865, 866, and 867.

The hymns will still reflect the themes of the Masses. Some weekends however, there will be songs mixed in that will reflect light as "Be The Light" is our Lenten theme this year. This is a time where we long for the light of Christ, which we find at Easter.

As always, you can be a part of this season. The music ministry continues to accept new members. Join for Lent and Easter. We are learning new music. The music is not difficult and you don't even have to know how to read music. A love of God and music are the only requirements.

Please consider joining. We Need You!!!!

Bite size pieces of time are also available in other areas of the music ministry. There is no fee to join. Talk to me or a choir member at one of the Masses. We will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

Margaret Adams
Director of Music



Mass Intentions, For the week of February 11th, 2018

Saturday, February 10th, 2018

5:00pm Mary Bonsignore

Sunday, February 11th, 2018

8:00am For The Parishioners of SSPJ

10:00am Rose Marie Sherow

12:00Noon Collective Mass:
Peter Joseph Loughlin
Eugene T. Sampieri
Arthur N. Gualtiei
Paige Elizabeth Keely

Monday, February 12th, 2018

7:30am William Weissbach

9:15am Phillip Giarraputo, Sr.

Tuesday, February 13th, 2018

7:30am

9:15am Eva Maria Alaimo

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
Barbara Link
Betty Schmidt
Brett Dowling
Brennan Steinhorth
Bryan Van Colt
Carole Hennessy
Carol Walz
Catherine Burseind
Christel DeBlasio
Christopher Gerber
Christopher Tallarico
Dawn Kopel
Dylan Lauro
Eileen Zink
Elinor Glasser
Faith VanGostein
Florence Donahue
Ginny McAuley
Hillary Boehme
James Gietzen
Jeanine Esposito Tansey

Joseph Perconti
Joe Alberigo
John Capizzio
John Hernandez
Julianne
Kathleen N.
Kitty Cronin,
Kylie Quigley
Laura Andrucki & family
Linda Sue
Louis Giordano
Marie DelCiello,
Marie Loughlin
Mary McDonough
Nancy Fornabia
Pasquale Campano
Pasquale Santoro
Patricia Casey
Robin Graham Denis
Raymond Fox
Rosemary Morgan
Suzanne McCue
Terence Hobbes
Teresa Orlik
Vivien Cordes

Wednesday, February 14th, 2018

7:30am
9:15am Carmela Pearce

Thursday, February 15th, 2018

7:30am Adeline Noonan
9:15am Collective Mass
Patricia Brown

Friday, February 16th, 2018

7:30am Dan Amato (Living)
9:15am Margaret & Joseph Castiglie

Saturday, February 17th, 2018

9:15am Florence Fritsch
5:00pm Adrea Charles

Sunday, February 18th, 2018

8:00am For The Parishioners of SSPJ

10:00am Welton Clay

12:00Noon Collective Mass:
William Pace
Arthur N. Gualtiei
Vincent Pizzulli

We Pray for those Who Serve



LCDR. MEGAN M. SHUTKA-VIK, USN
CAPT. WILSON MARKS, USN
CAPTAIN MICHAEL DOLAN, JR.
LT. COL. JOHN KAIREZ
SPC. NICOLE A. CANNON
SGM. MICHAEL P. BORRELLI (US ARMY)
CAPT. JOHN TULLY, USN
LT. COL. JAMES TULLY, US ARMY
JOSEPH SAGGIO, USNC
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SGT. CONNOR F. SCOTT, USMC
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PFC. CHARLES CHRISTOPHER HOWELL
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GLEN CRIMA-U.S. ARMY
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ENS. RYAN M. SHOWS U.S.N.
STAFF SGT. RYAN REXRODE U.S.M.C.
DR. KARA VANDEDIEFT, LT.COL.USAF

We Remember...



Gene Gallino

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.

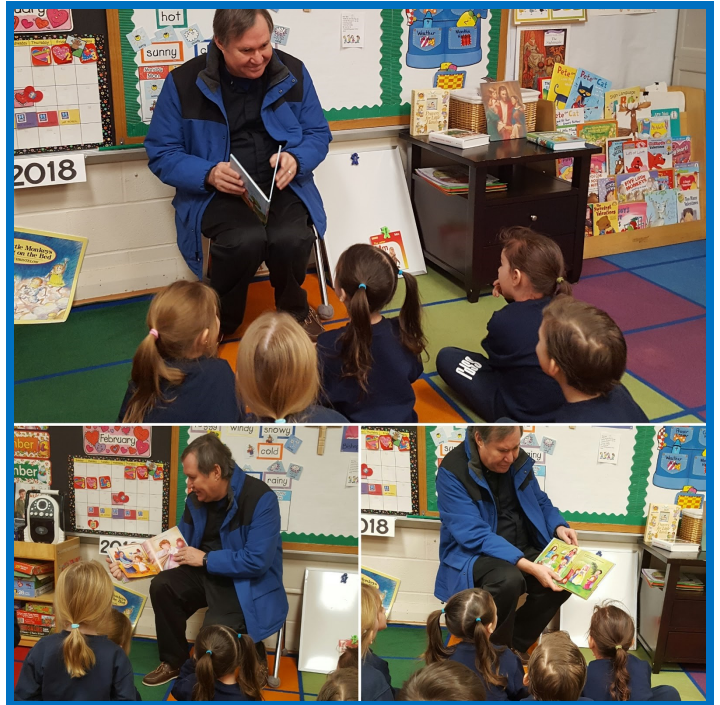
SSPJ School News!

Pre-K loves listening to stories especially when Fr. Tom comes to visit! Thank you Fr. Tom for helping us be the best Apostles of Hope!

Go to SSPJ Pre K Facebook page to watch a video of Fr. Tom teaching us a new song.



Yes! Pre-K really Loves Jesus!



During the week of January 28th to February 2nd, the students and faculty celebrated Catholic Schools week at SSPJ. The celebration began with the faculty and staff celebrating Mass together followed by an open house for prospective families.

All week long there were fun filled activities for the students and teachers of SSPJ. Monday was student appreciation & spirit day where there was no homework or tests. The students participated in a homeroom door decorating contest with the winning class receiving a pizza lunch. In the afternoon, the school choir performed their winter concert. Tuesday was teacher appreciation day where students were encouraged to bring in a note of appreciation for their teachers. Also it was silly hat, sock & tie day. Wednesday was sports fever day where the students wore their favorite sports team shirt. In the afternoon, everyone played Bingo with the older students helping the younger students. Thursday, the pre-kindergarten through fifth grade students were able to invite a special person to lunch, while the 6th, 7th and 8th grade students went bowling.

The week ended with the students and faculty attending Mass together followed by the 8th grade pinning. After the pinning a reception was held for the 8th graders and their guests. In the afternoon the students were treated to the basketball skills of the Harlem Magic Masters.





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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

2:30 PM - 5:30 PM AT SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES SCHOOL



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Gary is a retired elementary school teacher, and middle school dean of students for the New York City Department of Education.



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Joanne is a health and wellness coach in private practice, and a faculty member of the International Nurse Coach Association.

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PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR February 17th & 18th, 2018

Saturday, February 17, 2018 5:00 PM	Sunday, February 18, 2018 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, February 18, 2018 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, February 18, 2018 12:00 MASS
Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Tom Haggerty
Deacon Ron	Deacon Ron	Deacon John	Deacon John

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE -FOR February 17th & 18th, 2018

Saturday, February 17, 2018 5:00 PM MASS	Sunday, February 18, 2018 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, February 18, 2018 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, February 18, 2018 12:00 NOON MASS
G. Alfano	M. Tully	P. Schfilliti	J. Linder
R. Byrne	K. Consenz	J. Alternative	M. Loughlin
P. Damato	J. Giacalone	G. Amen	M. Napoli
D. Doran	W. VanGostein	D. Bleggi	T. Pace
J. Duffy	G. Beisel	R. Bleggi	C. Rubano
A. Dunn	L. Beisel	T. Boboris	V. Rubano
D. Earl	C. Czujko	M. Morbillo	E. Law
M. Fox	M. Dunn	M. Sehne	E. Sotomayer
E. Kaleita	E. Sica	M. Latino	P. Agoglia
T. Laiz	T. Sica	C. Lombardi	M. Laub

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE -FOR February 17th & 18th, 2018

Saturday, February 17, 2018 5:00PM MASS	Sunday, February 18, 2018 8:00AM MASS	Sunday, February 18, 2018 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, February 18, 2018 12:00 NOON MASS
C. Nigro	K.. Illari	S. Cheeseman	P. Mazzola
S. Nigro	T. Illari	K. Tomasic	C. D'Agostino
M. Page	J. Tobin	M. Tomasic	G. Lombardi
S. Page	E. Nicastro	O. Jacobs	J. Lombardi
R. Green	K. Nicastro	E. Anderson	

LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR February 17th & 18th, 2018

Saturday, February 17, 2018 5:00 PM MASS	Sunday, February 18, 2018 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, February 18, 2018 10:00AM MASS	Sunday, February 18, 2018 12:00 NOON MASS
A. Gelfand	A. Mantia	J. Contrino	M. Hoonhout
8th Grade Student	B. Willman	M. D'Amelia	A. Kaiser

Getting Ready for Next Sunday

February 18th—1st Sunday of Lent—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 Readings

Genesis 9:8-15
1 Peter 3:18-22

Psalms 25
Mark 1:12-15

A new age began when Jesus introduced the kingdom some nineteen hundred years ago. We believe this, but somehow the newness has worn off; the present lifestyle has become "good enough." Today's readings recall sweeping changes in the history of Israel and the Church and the radical shifts in living that resulted.

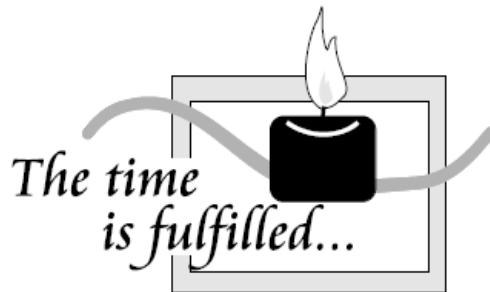
The Genesis passage offers a message of hope to the despairing exiled community. The flood brought chaos (see Genesis 7:11), but God's covenant with Noah ushers in a new age. When the Israelites beheld the rainbow in the sky, they remembered God's promise that the waters of chaos would never return (Genesis 9:11,15).

Writing from Rome some eighty years after Christ's death and resurrection, Peter's first letter seeks to strengthen the faith of believers in the northern part of present-day Turkey. Peter emphasizes that the new age inaugurated by Christ brings baptism, which is not a mere removal of physical stain but an initiation that requires personal transformation.

Mark links the temptation of Jesus with the baptism of John. In his baptism, Jesus accepts the messianic mission from God. In his temptation, Jesus begins to grapple with the way of achieving that mission. Death and resurrection will be required. Jesus challenges his followers to reform their lives in imitation of his own life and death experience.

The beginning of Lent is the traditional time for making Lenten resolutions. Based on today's readings you might examine those areas in your life most in need of change before determining this season's commitments. Changes will result in a new you and a better reflection of the new kingdom of Jesus.

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

Jesus let the Spirit drive him into the desert to prepare for his public ministry. How do you prepare for important events? Do you let the Spirit "drive" you?

What is the food that sustains you? How does fasting or emptying yourself in some way help sharpen your spiritual desire?

Have you experienced a "desert time"? What was that like? What tempted you? What helped you? How have you experienced angels ministering to you?

God made a covenant with us, and included every living thing and being within it. How does this affect your attitude toward creation?

Baptism is about dying and rising. Do you have any Lenten plans that might impact your dying to self and rising to new life?

This is a
SIGN
for all ages to come



FAITH AND SUPERSTITION

The power of a subordinate clause, one nuance within a sentence and everything takes on a different meaning.

That's the case in a recent brilliant, but provocative, novel, *The Ninth Hour*, by Nina McDermott. She tells a story which, among other things, focuses on a group of nuns in Brooklyn who work with the poor. Times are hard, people are needy, and the nuns, who work mostly in home care for the poor, appear utterly selfless in their dedication. Nothing, it seems, can deflect them from their mission to give their all, their every ounce of energy, to help the poor. And on this score, McDermott gives them their due. As well, for anyone familiar with what goes on inside of a religious community, McDermott's portrayal of these nuns is both nuanced and accurate. Nuns aren't all of a kind. Each has her own unique history, temperament, and personality. Some are wonderfully warm and gracious, others nurse their own wounds and aren't always evident paradigms of God's love and mercy. And that's the case with the nuns that McDermott describes here. But, quirks of individual personality aside, as a community, the nuns she describes serve the poor and their overall witness is beyond reproach.

But then, after telling this story of faith and dedication and reflecting on how today there are few groups of nuns who still live so radical a commitment, McDermott, through the voice her narrator, introduces the subversive subordinate clause: "The holy nuns who sailed through the house when we were young were a dying breed even then. ... The call to sanctity and self-sacrifice, the delusion and superstition it required, faded from the world even then."

Wow! The delusion and the superstition it required. As if this kind of radical self-sacrifice can only be the product of false fear. As if whole generations of Christian self-sacrifice, vowed celibacy, and single-minded dedication can be dismissed, post-factum, as ultimately predicated on delusion and superstition.

How true is that?

I grew up in the world McDermott is describing, where nuns were like that, and where a powerful Catholic ethos supported them and declared what they were doing was anything but delusion and superstition. Admittedly that was another time and much of that ethos has not stood the test of time and has, indeed, to a large part succumbed to the raw power of secularity. And so McDermott is right, partially. Some of that selflessness was based upon an unhealthy fear of hell fire and God's anger. To an extent too it was based on a notion of faith that believed that God does not really want us to flourish much here on earth but that our lives are meant to be mostly a somber preparation for the next world. Perhaps this isn't exactly delusion and superstition, but it is bad theology and it did help underwrite some of the religious life in the world McDermott describes and in the Catholic world of my youth.

But there was also something else undergirding this ethos, and I inhaled it deeply in my youth and in a way that branded my soul for good, like nothing else I have ever breathed in in this world. Notwithstanding some false fears, there was inside of that a biblical faith, a raw mandate, that taught that your own comfort, your own desires, and even your own legitimate longings for human flourishing, sexuality, marriage, children, freedom, and having what everyone else has, are subject to a higher purpose, and you may be asked to sacrifice them all, your legitimate longings, to serve God and others. It was a faith that believed you were born with a God-given vocation and that your life was not your own.

I saw this first in my own parents who believed that faith made those demands upon them, who accepted that, and who consequently had the moral authority to ask this of others. I saw it too in the Ursuline Nuns who taught me in school, women with full red blood flowing through their veins but who sacrificed these longings to come into the public schools in our remote rural areas and teach us. I saw it too in the little prairie community that nurtured me in my youth, a whole community who, by and large, lived out this selflessness.

Today I live in a world that prizes sophistication above all else, but where as a whole society we're no longer sure what's "fake news" as opposed to what we can believe in and trust. In this unsteady world the faith of my youth, of my parents, of the nuns who sacrificed their dreams to teach me, and of the nuns whom Nina McDermott describes in *The Ninth Hour*, can look very much like delusion and superstition. Sometimes it is delusion, admittedly; but sometimes it isn't, and in my case the faith my parents gave me, with its belief that your life and your sexuality are not your own, is, I believe, the truest, most non-superstitious thing of all.

STS. PHILIP AND JAMES PARISH LENDS THEIR SUPPORT AGAIN

Thank you to all who were able to attend our recent Respect Life Fundraising Breakfast. Thank you for the donations received from those who attended and those who were unable to attend but gave generously to support the many organizations who benefit from our fund raising. As in the past all monies go to organizations whose work is the service of and defense of those at risk of all ages.



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2018 Parish Lenten Mission Prayer

*God Our Father, we offer you praise and thanksgiving
For all the many gifts you have given us through Jesus,
Your Son. We thank you especially for the gift of our Parish Mission.
Loving and gracious God, quiet our minds and hearts,
That we may be open to the gift of your truth.*

Grant that Our Mission may be:

A Time of Grace for all,

A Time of growth for the young,

A Time of refreshment for the old,

A time of renewal for families,

A Time of healing for the broken,

A Time of joy for the sorrowing,

A Time of challenge of the complacent,

A Time of strength for the holy,

A Time of homecoming for those who have been away.

*Grant Most Loving God that our Mission may bring
Down your richest blessing on each and every member of our Parish Com-
munity.*

*We pray through the intercession of Mary, our Mother, in the name
of Jesus Christ who Lives with you and the Holy Spirit forever.*

Amen