



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

631-584-5454

First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2018



*"Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those
who keep your covenant.*

Psalm 25

*"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
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Deacon John Keenan		Deacon
Deacon Ken Maher		Deacon
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Dominick Avento	Religious Education Coordinator Grades 7-8	
Suzanne Fitzgibbon	Religious Education Administrator	
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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,

Today's gospel passage describing Jesus being tempted in the desert reminds us that, like us, Jesus faced temptation throughout his life. We too may be tempted to take the easy way, to seek total control over faithful trust. At times and in some ways we may be tempted to tempt or challenge God. How did Jesus respond? How do we respond? Fr. Jude Siciliano, Op, comments:

What Jesus decides to do in the face of the temptations will shape his ministry and form his identity. We don't know the whole story yet, but we do learn from Jesus' confrontation with the devil what Jesus, in obedience to God, will not choose to do to accomplish his mission.

We will journey through Lent and not try to force God's hand, or look for signs we are doing the right thing. Instead, we will surrender ourselves to God's will and allow God to be God. If we are to receive assurances and consolation through Lent they will come as a gift from God in God's good time. We do take on special Lenten practices, but not to try to earn rewards from God for our hard work. Instead, they help us stay alert, we are like people traveling across the desert, who can more easily and with less distractions spot the bread God has prepared for us. When we discover that food, as we do at today's Eucharist, we offer a Lenten prayer and say, "Thank you."

As we enter this first full week of Lent I strongly encourage you to make time to be present at our Lenten Mission. Fr. Kevin Cronin, OFM, always offers keen insights, hope-filled reflections and Franciscan wisdom to guide us on our journey to **"Be the Light"**. More details are in today's bulletin.

Other Lenten practices to note on your calendar include Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings and our Lenten Soup Supper on February 23rd, as well as daily Mass and times of Eucharistic adoration. And don't forget, if you haven't signed up to receive brief daily videos from "Best Lent Ever", it's not too late. **Go to DynamicCatholic.org.**

Many thanks to all who have already respond to this year's Catholic Ministry Appeal which challenges us to be Christ's hands of mercy. Thanks to our generous response last year we were part of that great wave of mercy which enabled over 600,000 on Long Island to be touched. As I mentioned last weekend, our parish goal this year is \$119,700. I respectfully ask all who are able to prayerfully consider joining in the effort to reach our goal by Easter. Join us as we pray:

"Open our eyes to the needs of our brothers and sisters; inspire us in words and actions to comfort those who labor and are burdened. Make us serve them truly, after the example of Christ and at His command. And may your Church stand as a living witness to truth and freedom, to peace and justice, that all people may be raised up to a new hope".

Let us "Be the Light!"

And I received this last week:

Last Will and Testament

Doug Pender lived all his life in the Florida Keys, and is on his deathbed, and knows the end is near. His nurse, his wife, his daughter and two sons, are with him. He asks for two witnesses to be present and a camcorder be in place to record his last wishes, and when all is ready he begins to speak:

"My son, Bernie, I want you to take the Ocean Reef houses."

"My daughter Sybil, you take the apartments between mile markers 100 and Tavernier.."

"My son, Jamie, I want you to take the offices over in the Marathon Government Center "

"Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings on the bay side on Blackwater Sound."

The nurse and witnesses are blown away as they did not realize his extensive holdings, and as Doug slips away, the nurse says, "Mrs. Pender, your husband must have been such a hard-working man to have accumulated all this property."

The wife replies, "The idiot had a paper route"!!!

Peace,

Father Tom

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

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: FEBRUARY 17TH & 18TH, 2018 FOR THE CHURCH IN NEED

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.



"May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need."

- Pope Francis

Almsgiving in Lent

During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray, fast and give alms.

Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs.

And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who are hungry, and consider sharing your gifts with them.

One way to do this is by making a gift to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, which supports programs that help to feed people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs.



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

Lent A Time To Prepare ...

Please Join Us at the,



SSPJ PARISH LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

THIS 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**

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 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 this weekend

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.



A Lenten Reflection and Prayer



By S. Jean Amore, CSJ, Ed.D., Vice President for Mission and Academics

Lent is that special holy season when we give thanks that God knows the secret longings and pains of our hearts and we open ourselves to God's desire to comfort, unbind and heal us.

It is a time also to focus on God's great love in us and for us that empowers us to bring God's inclusive, generous love into our fragile and broken world. We can't stop the speeding wheels of dark news in our neighborhoods, country and world, but each one of our counter-actions slows down those wheels.

Our Lenten call is not to imitate Jesus' actions, but rather to imitate his mindset, his attitude, his relational style. Jesus enfleshed the mind and heart of God: No one - rich or marginalized, saint or sinner, Jew or Gentile, woman or man, respectable or not - is excluded from God's love, care, mercy and purpose. In Pope Francis' words, we are called to live an inclusive culture of encounter and accompaniment. Similarly, the mission of Sacred Heart Academy and the Sisters of St. Joseph asks us to live and witness unity, reconciliation and God's inclusive love to all without exception.

A Lenten Litany

*Instead of harsh judgments of others,
we pray to model our God of love, tenderness and mercy.*

Instead of feelings of discontent and entitlement, we pray for an attitude of gratitude.

Instead of words that hurt or denigrate, we pray to speak words that lift up others.

Instead of impatience and frustration, we pray for patience, insight and understanding.

Instead of useless worry and pessimism, we pray for hope, inner peace and wisdom.

*Instead of focusing on differences that divide us,
we pray to accept and appreciate the differences.*

Instead of bitterness and revenge, we pray for the grace to mend broken bonds.

*Instead of relationships marked by hardness and brokenness,
we pray for relationships marked by love, unity and forgiveness.*

*Instead of being a bystander to hurtful, false or discriminating words,
we pray for courage and for right words to speak the truth in love.*

*We pray this in the name of Jesus for ourselves, our family and friends, our country and all
humanity.*

Amen

Parish Social Ministry

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

Join us at St. James Church, Setauket for a two-part Lenten series at 7:30 p.m. on February 28 and March 7 on our human role in God's creation. Genesis 1 shows us how creation is blessed and sanctified with God's design, activity, and presence. This opening chapter of our Scriptures also presents human beings as given a special role. In what ways does God call us all to uphold the sacredness of the created order?

In Part 1 (Wednesday, February 28) Dr. Katherine Hayes, Professor Emerita of Scripture at St. Joseph Seminary/Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, will speak about the essential role of human beings in the continuance of creation in Genesis 1 and in Pope Francis's encyclical, *Laudato Si': Care for Our Common Home*. The presentation will be held in room 103 of St. James Parish Center, Setauket at 7:30 p.m.

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.

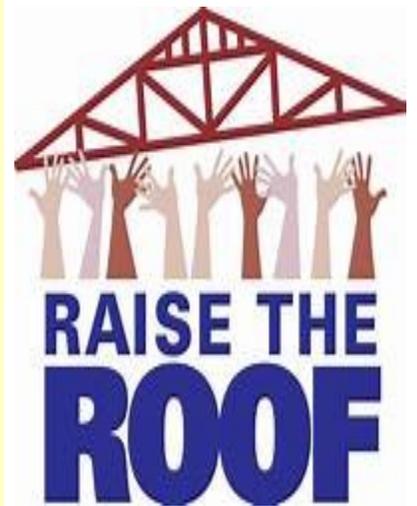
It is a project that he began, but in his absence, little else has been done.

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*



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

*Brothers and sisters,
Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.*

*Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or
the church of God,*

*just as I try to please everyone in every way,
not seeking my own benefit but that of the many,
that they may be saved.*



Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. 1 Cor 10:31-11:1

When most people think of Lent, the thought of having to give something up comes to mind. I still remember giving up various kinds of junk food when I was a kid. But the problem was, the moment Easter came around, I immediately went back to my old habits, like those 6 weeks hadn't even happened.

Because the narrative of Lent mostly has to deal with Jesus' suffering, it is often believed that we, too, must suffer and be punished for a month and a half. But too often, we only go through this season looking at the surface, and as a result, we just give up something material, and that's it. Of course, it's great if that experience allows you to see that you don't need that thing, but it's too easy to not do that.

People often forget, though, that Lent is also about renewal and cleansing, not just suffering. There's a reason why Lent ends with the Holy Week; by that point, we should be closer to God than we were six weeks before. And realistically, can you truly get there simply by not eating chocolate? I think not.

In the past few years, what I have chosen to do instead was find ways to better myself, so I can be, well, a "light" to those around me, and therefore closer to God. Whether it be praying more, going to mass more, doing community service, allowing time for meditation and self-reflection, or simply trying to be a more positive and caring person, my goal is that I become more spiritual across Lent, so that by the Holy Week, I can truly experience the resurrection of Christ.

In a way, this process still involves giving something up. Instead of an easily identifiable material "thing", I'm giving up my time, my effort, my selfishness, my negativity, and, ultimately, myself, and channeling it to being a "light". But the best part is, the reward goes so much deeper than if I had just given up something material; instead, I made a difference in people's lives.

So, this Lent, if you want to truly live out this year's theme, try doing more than just not eating chocolate.

Gabe Romero
YouthLeader
Senior Smithtown High School East

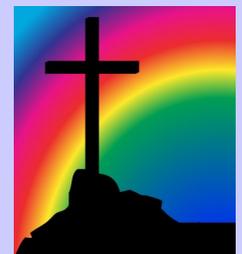
"Be Light"

*Matthew 5:16 states "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."
This Lenten season lets encourage each other to always set a good example for others, especially those who are young. To be a light for someone is to help them to make good decisions and to follow in Jesus' footsteps. Random acts of kindness always goes a long way and can make anyone's day brighter, even something as simple as holding the door open for someone. Our actions can affect others in many ways.*

We can start our day offering a smile and a "hello" to someone we don't know. learn to forgive others even when it is difficult to. Don't hold grudges because at the end of the day it is only going to affect us and be a weight on our chest. Let's strive to be the best version of ourselves that we can possibly be. Most of all, lets open our heart and be an apostle's of hope. We can "Be light" in someone's life just as Jesus does for us every day.

Lastly, "Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud" ~Maya Angelou

Megan Sisti
YouthLeader
Senior, Ward Melville
High School



San Damiano Cross



SAN DAMIANO CROSS

As we are hopefully approaching the completion of the old church, many of you have noticed the San Damiano Cross at the front of our church. Here is some interesting information regarding it.

What is the San Damiano Cross?

The San Damiano Cross is the large Romanesque rood cross before which St. Francis of Assisi was praying when he received the message from the Lord, Go repair my Church, which as you see is falling completely in ruin.” At that time, St. Francis believed that the Lord meant the actual church building itself since the church building was in great need of repair. He later realized that he was meant to repair the “body of the Church” or the followers of the Church. Yes, St. Francis did restore the buildings of the churches but his greatest “repair was the founding of the Franciscan Order.

The San Damiano Cross now hangs in the Basilica of St. Clare in Assisi, Italy. The painter of the cross is unknown but it was made around the year 1100. This type of cross is sometimes called an icon cross because in addition to the main figure of Jesus Christ, it contains images of other saints and people related to the incident of Christ’s crucifixion.

Symbolism in the San Damiano Cross

Figure of Christ – The Savior looks directly at us with a compassionate gaze. He does not hang on the Cross, but rather seems to be supporting it, standing in His full stature. His hands are not nailed but spread out serenely in an attitude of both supplication and blessing which is further emphasized by Jesus’ tranquil and gentle expression.

Above His head is a portrayal of the Ascension: Christ emerging from a red circle holding a golden cross. Angels welcome Him into heaven. At the very top of this scene the right hand of God the Father is extended in benediction. Beneath this scene in Latin is the inscription, *“Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.”*

Angels are depicted at both ends of the crossbar.
Their hand gestures indicate they’re discussing this wondrous event.

To the left of the figure of Christ stand the Virgin Mary and St. John the Evangelist.

On the right side, stand St. Mary Magdalen, St. Mary Cleophas, and the Centurion.

The Centurion holds a piece of wood symbolic of his building of the synagogue; the little boy behind him is his son who was healed by Jesus.

In the lower right and left-hand corners are small figures of the Roman soldier Longinus and the Jewish temple guard Stephaton – one holding the lance that pierced the Savior’s side, and the other holding a stick with a vinegar-soaked sponge.

Near the border of the Cross on the right, just below the level of Christ’s knees, is a small rooster which recalls Peter’s denial of Christ three times.

At the very bottom of the Cross the artist depicted several saints. Their images in the original cross were damaged and became unrecognizable. The depiction in this icon depicts saints who were the most beloved saints of the Franciscan Order: *St. Francis, St. Claire, St. Anthony of Padua, and St. Bonaventure.*

As St. Basil the Great wrote, “With a soundless voice, the icons teach those who behold them.”

Prayer of St. Francis before the Cross at San Damiano

“Most High glorious God, bring light to the darkness of my heart

SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of February 18th, 2018

Sunday, February 18th, 2018

8:30am	RCIA	Philip & James Rm
10:00am	Children's Liturgy	Auditorium
6:00pm	Youth Ministry Stations Rehearsal	Church/Aud.
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room

Monday, February 19th, 2018

*No Events Scheduled in Observance of President's Day



Tuesday, February 20th, 2018:

1:30pm	Spirit of Love Prayer Group	Prayer Room Church
7:00pm	Catholic Daughter's Meeting	Philip & James Rm

Wednesday, February 21st, 2018:

7:00pm	Youth Ministry	Auditorium
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Thursday, February 22nd, 2018:

2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
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Friday, February 23rd, 2018:

6:00pm	Parish Social Ministry Lenten Soup Supper	Auditorium
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room
7:30pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
8:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church

Saturday, February 24th, 2018:

10:00am	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Wkshp
5:00pm	Children's Liturgy	Auditorium

Weekly Collection: Sunday February 11th, 2018

Sunday Collection: \$12,689.
Faith Direct: \$3,823.
Children's Jug: \$ 77.
Total Collection: \$16,589

**Many thanks for your generous support of
SSPJ!
Sts. Philip & James Parish**

Our Bread & Wine

*For the Week of
February 18th, 2018*

*Are Dedicated
In Loving Memory of
My Sister,
Sheila Conway*



Religious Education:

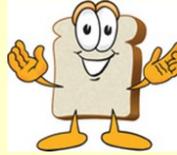
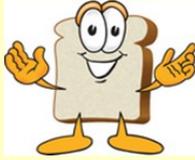
FOR THE WEEK OF:
FEBRUARY 18-25, 2018

**There will be
NO RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
CLASSES .**

*To all our students and families
enjoy a wonderful vacation
week!*

Classes will resume during the
week of
February 26, 2018





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.



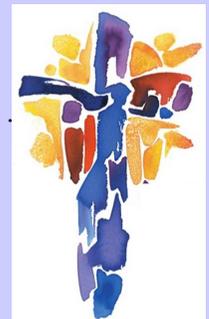
News from the Wash Kit Gang!

A very successful evening was accomplished by all who participated at the Wash Kit gathering + on Friday February 9th.!

Ove r the course of an hour, 52 participants made 1075 wash kits for the homeless.

This awesome group is in need of YOUR HELP!

*The Wash Kit Gang are looking for volunteers to deliver the wash kits to .
St. Anne's Parish
88 2nd Avenue
Brentwood, NY*



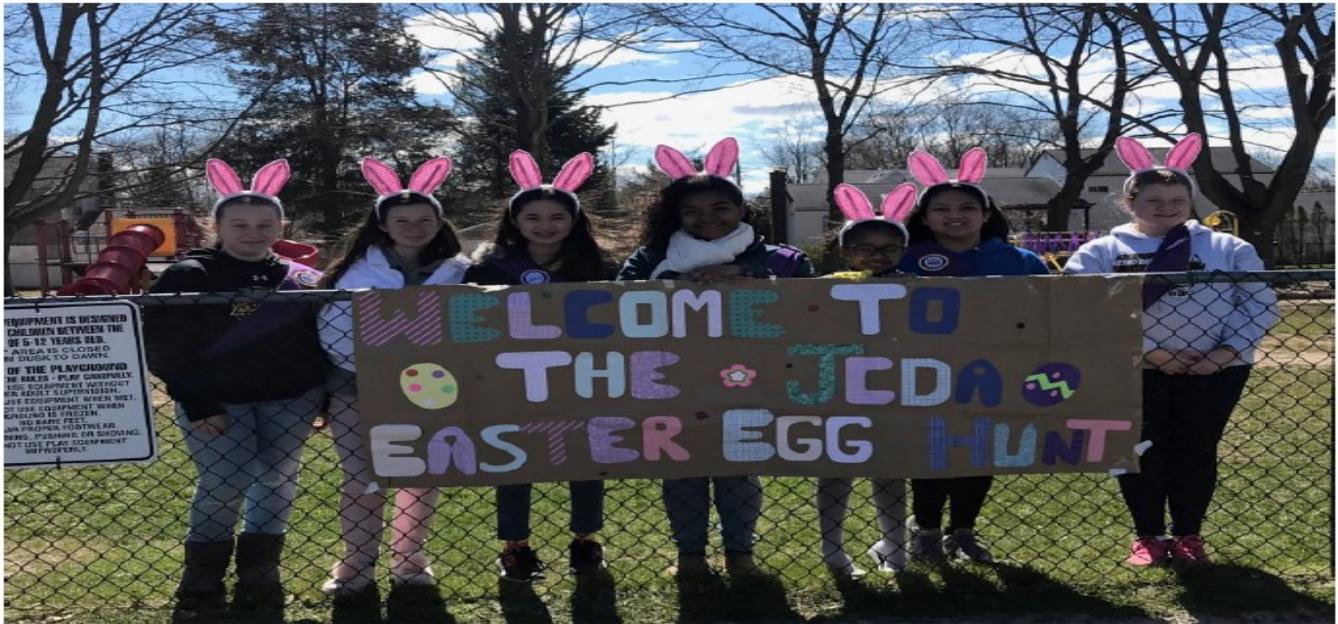
Your help is needed the 2nd Saturday morning of every month.

An SUV or Truck would be beneficial for this effort.

The kits would have to be picked up the evening before when they are completed, about 8pm.

If you are interested in assisting this effort, kindly contact the Parish Center Office at 631-584-5454.

Junior Catholic Daughters of America
Court Anna Theresa #1074



Some of you may remember hunting for Easter eggs on the Church lawn when you were little. The group that sponsors that annual event is the Junior Catholic Daughters of America. They also make gift baskets for our sick female veterans and cards for seniors in our local nursing homes, to name a few of our activities. In order for these wonderful things to continue, we need the participation of our parish's young women.

We are inviting all those, in the 5th grade and up, who are interested in participating in some fun, charitable works to attend our next meeting at the Philip and James Room (side entrance of Rectory) on

March 1st from 6-7 pm.

Music Ministry

Here we are in the second week of Lent. Have no fear, there is still time to join us here in the music ministry. There is no prerequisite just come to a rehearsal. The choir loft doors are always open to new members. Children—Teens--- and Adults.

Come see what we are all about. Join just for Lent/Easter you might like it and want to stay. Anything is possible

See you on Sunday,

*Margaret Adams
Director of Music*



Mass Intentions, For the week of February 18th, 2018

Saturday, February 17th, 2018
5:00pm Adrea Charles

Sunday, February 18th, 2018
8:00am For The Parishioners of SSPJ

10:00am Wilton Clay

12:00 Noon **Collective Mass:**
William Pace
Arthur N. Gualtieri
Maria Wise
Breidgeen Mulvihill
Vincent Pizzulli

Monday, February 19th, 2018

7:30am

9:15am John Muller

Tuesday, February 20th, 2018

7:30am

9:15am Phyllis Stewart

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

Anna Capizzio
Angela Amoroso
Angela Boccio McComb
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Vivien Cordes



We Remember...

Barbara Link

Christopher LoCrotondo

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.

Wednesday, February 21st, 2018

7:30am

9:15am James Mahon

Thursday, February 22nd, 2018

7:30am Catherine Dwyer

9:15am

Collective Mass
James Vernon Jones, Jr.
John McGowan

Friday, February 23rd, 2018

7:30am

9:15am Gerard Stewart

Saturday, February 24th, 2018

9:15am Virginia Koop

5:00pm

Florence Logan

Sunday, February 25th, 2018

8:00am For The Parishioners of SSPJ

10:00am

Patricia Henrich

12:00 Noon

Collective Mass:
Dorothy Weiss

We Pray for those Who Serve



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SSPJ School News!

SPECIAL MOMENTS

Mrs. Howard's Third Grade Class celebrating Catholic School's Week with their special family and friends



The SSPJ Dine Around

Will be held on Monday, April 30, 2018

And

The SSPJ Gala

Will be held on Saturday, May 19th, 2018

Please "Save the Date"

A fun time will be had by all!!!



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We are so excited to be here!

What is Camps 'R' Us?

We're an accredited, award-winning, affordable summer day camp for kids ages 3 & up. For over 25 years, our family owned and operated camps have provided thousands of campers with a diverse and dynamic summer experience, including Sports, Arts & Crafts, Interactive Gaming, GaGa, Go-Karts, STEM, EduCamp, Swimming, Bowling, Field Trips, Special Events and much more.

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We were honored to be invited to open a summer camp at SSPJ! As a family owned and operated business, we want to welcome you to our camp community and provide the very best experience for your children. We also want to extend our program to offer you features of camp that are important to you. For example, parents have the option to have their child go to mass on Friday mornings, and attend both Vacation Bible Camp and Camps 'R' Us.

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Sunday, April 22nd, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Saturday, May 19th, 12:30-2:30 PM



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PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR February 24th & 25th, 2018

Saturday, February 24, 2018 5:00 PM	Sunday, February 25, 2018 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, February 25, 2018 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, February 25, 2018 12:00 MASS
Father Tom Haggerty	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Patrick Osei-Poku
Deacon John	Deacon John	Deacon Ron	Deacon Ron

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE -FOR February 24th & 25th, 2018

Saturday, February 24, 2018 5:00 PM MASS	Sunday, February 25, 2018 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, February 25, 2018 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, February 25, 2018 12:00 NOON MASS
M. Fox	K.. Rapp	A. Giordano	M. Lebrun
P. Kaleita	R. Fabian	A. Henchel	C. Zito
A. Keenan	C. Haff	L. Keane	G. Zito
H. Keenan	W. Haff	O. Laiz	M. Peykar
T. Laiz	J. Harvey	J. Lavan	P. Roman
R. Piazza	P. Kanuika	D. Mulhall	C. Rubano
G. Priebe	M. Kenney	C. Napolitano	P. Agoglia
L. Taurassi	A. Mantia	G. Patalano	M. Laub
L. Tepedino	P. Martin	L. Patalano	E. Sotomayer
D. Toto	M. Tangel	W. Rodriguez	M. Hoonhout

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE -FOR February 24th & 25th, 2018

Saturday, February 24, 2018 5:00PM MASS	Sunday, February 25, 2018 8:00AM MASS	Sunday, February 25, 2018 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, February 25, 2018 12:00 NOON MASS
A. Balocca	J. Auletta	C. Donnelly	C. Tsoumpelis
A. Bjorklund	L. Auletta	S. Donnelly	D. Sanchez-Rincon
T. Miller	B. Keese	B. Roberts	D. Sanchez-Rincon
V. Scarpelli	K. Keese	A. Romero	I. Cole
		G. Romero	

LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR February 24th & 25th, 2018

Saturday, February 24, 2018 5:00 PM MASS	Sunday, February 25, 2018 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, February 25, 2018 10:00AM MASS	Sunday, February 25, 2018 12:00 NOON MASS
C. Lombardi	G. Fitzpatrick	C. Philips	D. Sanchez-Rincon
8th Grade Student	M. Koke	A. Dinnigan	S. D'Agostino

Getting Ready for Next Sunday

February 25th—2nd 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 Celebration

Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18 *Psalms 116*
Romans 8:31b-34 *Mark 9:2-10*

How easy we bandy about the word "love". We love pizza, we love our city, we love our friends. Today's readings see love not as a momentary emotion but as a lifelong commitment. Nothing is too demanding to show one's profound dedication.

The Genesis account of the sacrifice of Isaac is dramatic. God has been promising Abraham a host of descendants and possession of a great land. The promise now seems jeopardized when God asks Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. Yet Abraham will go to even this extent. Abraham's love of God means letting go, even of Isaac.

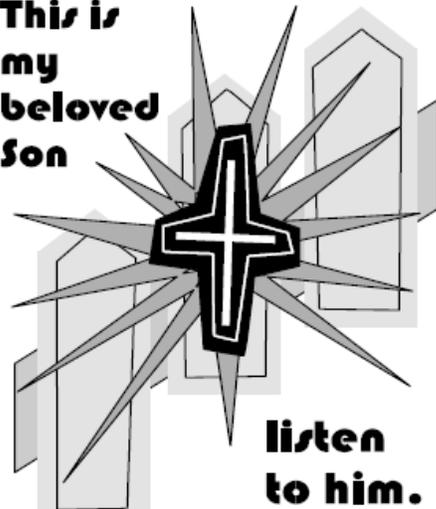
"If God is for us, who is against us?" (Romans 8:31). To dramatize the extent of God's willingness to assist us, Paul appeals to a specific kind of love. "He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?" (Romans 8:32). Thus God and Abraham both refuse to set limits on their capacity to love.

Mark's account of the Transfiguration is part of his disclosure of Jesus' messianic identity. Jesus has informed the twelve that he must suffer, die, and only then rise again (see Mark 8:31). The Lord of Easter Sunday must first be the servant of Good Friday. The same is true for all Christians. To follow Jesus, one must deny self, find self, and then lose oneself again (see Mark 8:35). Thus the Transfiguration relates both to Jesus' transfiguration and to the Christian's transformation through self-giving -- letting go.

Letting go takes many forms. Life may call us to let go of a career that is damaging to self and family, of a habit that is destroying health or relationships, of purely selfish interests. These are but a few examples of that central reality in life -- that loving means letting go.

- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.
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**This is
my
beloved
son**



**listen
to him.**

For reflection...

In this gospel story of the Transfiguration, it took a blinding light for Peter, James and John to "see" or understand who Jesus was. Can you recall times that you have "seen" the divine light revealing the presence of God in the ordinary?

What are some areas in our country, our church or our own lives that need to be "reconfigured" before we would be able to see more clearly God's presence.

God promised Abraham that his descendants would be without number, like the stars. It is the promise Abraham clung to as he raised the knife to kill his son. Where do you fall on the continuum when trust is required of you, with 1 being low and 10 high?

*"If God is for us, who can be against us?"
What is your reaction to this statement?
How have you experienced this?*

OUR MOST COMMON SIN

Classically Christianity has listed seven sins as “deadly” sins, meaning that most everything else we do which is not virtuous somehow takes its root in one these congenital propensities. These are the infamous seven: *pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath, and sloth.*

In spiritual literature the first three, *pride, greed, and lust* get most of the ink and attention. Pride is presented as the root of all sin, Lucifer’s primordial defiance of God as forever echoed in our own lives: *I will not serve!* Greed is seen as the basis for our selfishness and our blindness towards others and lust has often been given the ultimate notoriety, as if the Sixth Commandment were the only commandment.

Not to deny the importance of these, but I suspect that the sin which most commonly afflicts us and is not much mentioned in spiritual literature is *wrath*, that is, anger and hatred. I venture to say that most of us operate, however unconsciously, out of anger and this shows itself in our constant criticism of others, in our cynicism, in our jealousy of others, in our bitterness, and in our inability to praise others. And unlike most of our other sins, anger is easy to camouflage and rationalize as virtue.

At one level, anger often rationalizes itself as justified indignation over the foibles, stupidity, egotism, greed, and faults of others: *How can I not be angry given what I see every day!* Here anger shows itself in our constant irritation and in our quickness to correct, criticize, and make a cynical remark. Conversely we’re very slow to praise and affirm. Perfection then becomes the enemy of the good and since nothing and no one is perfect, we’re always in critical mode and we see this as a virtue rather than for what it in fact is, namely, an inchoate anger and unhappiness inside of ourselves.

But our unhappy cynicism isn’t the biggest problem here. More seriously, anger too often parades itself as Godly-virtue, as righteousness, as prophecy, as a healthy, divinely-inspired militancy for truth, for cause, for virtue, for God. And so we define ourselves as “holy warriors” and “vigilant defenders of truth”, taking justification in the popular (though false) conception that prophets are angry people, on passionate fire for God.

However there’s a near infinite distance between true prophetic anger and the anger that today commonly parades itself as prophecy. Daniel Berrigan, in his criteria for prophecy, submits (and rightly) that a prophet is someone who takes a vow of love, not of alienation. Prophecy is characterized by love aching for reconnection, not anger pushing for separation.

And love isn’t generally what characterizes most so-called prophetic anger in our world today, especially as it pertains to God, religion, and defense of truth. You see this in its worst form in Islamic extremism where, in the name of God, every kind of hatred, violence, and random murder puts on God’s cloak. Blaise Pascal captures this well in his *Pensees* where he writes: “Men never do evil so completely and cheerfully as when they do it from religious conviction.” He’s wrong on one thing; mostly we aren’t doing it cheerfully but angrily. One only has to read the letters to the editor in our newspapers, listen to most talk-radio stations, or listen to any debate on politics, religion, or morality to see raw hatred and anger justifying themselves on moral and divine grounds.

There is such a thing as healthy prophetic anger, a fiery response when the poor of God, the word of God, or the truth of God are being slandered, abused, or neglected. There are important causes and boundaries to be defended. But prophetic anger is an anger that emanates out of love and empathy and always, regardless of the hatred it meets, still exhibits love and empathy, like a loving mother in the face of a belligerent child. Jesus on occasion exhibits this kind of anger, but his anger is antithetical to most of what masquerades as prophetic anger today, where love and empathy are so noticeably absent.

Someone once said that we spend the first half of life struggling with the Sixth Commandment, and then spend the second-half of life struggling with the Fifth Commandment: *Thou shalt not kill!* We see this illustrated in the famous parable of the *Prodigal Son*, his Older Brother, and his Prodigal Father. The younger son is effectively out of his father’s house through wrestling with the seductive energies of youth. The older brother is just as effectively outside his father’s house, not through sin, but through wrestling with anger.

As a young boy I was catechized to confess “bad thoughts” as sinful, but bad thoughts then were defined as sexual thoughts. As we age, I suggest, we might continue to confess “bad thoughts”, but now those “bad thoughts” have to do with anger.

A cynic, it’s said, is someone who has given up, but not shut up! He’s also someone who has confused one of the seven deadly sins, wrath, with virtue.

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 Community.

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

Amen