



The Parish of Saints Philip and James

1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

631-584-5454

June 9, 2019  
Pentecost Sunday



*“Receive the Holy Spirit”*

*Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.*

*John 20: 23*

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

Daily Mass: 7:30am and 9:15 am  
Saturday 5pm Sunday: 8am 10 am 12noon

## STS. PHILIP & JAMES PASTORAL STAFF

Parish Center Phone: 631-584-5454 Parish Fax: 631-862-9675  
Website—www.sspj.org

**PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS**  
Open Monday, Tuesday Wednesday 9am-8pm  
Open Thursday 9am-5pm  
Open Saturday 10am-2pm  
Closed Friday and Sunday

### CLERGY

Father Tom Haggerty, Pastor  
Father Patrick Osei-Poku-Associate Pastor  
Deacon Ronald Blasius  
Deacon John Keenan  
Deacon Ken Maher

### PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Sister Theresita Donach, CSFN

### BUSINESS MANAGER

Virginia Portanova

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR

Catherine Darrow

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR Grades 1-2**

Charlotte Czujko

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR Grades 3-6**

Barbara Luna

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR Grades 7-8**

Dominick Avento

### MUSIC DIRECTOR

Margaret Adams

**COORDINATOR OF PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY**

Lynn Sisti

### DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES

John Cordes

### SSPJ SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Diane M. Anderson

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

### TRUSTEES

Jerry Linder ~ Tina Cafaro

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Michael Sharkey, Connor Donnelly, Richard Frazita, Lou Guerra,  
Kelsey Greco, Cynthia Lombardi, Paul Damato  
Martin Marut, Ann Mondrone, Maureen Burke

### Stewardship, A Way of Life

*As we continue our journey, we share our "Time,  
Talents and Treasures" with our family, friends, and  
our parish community.*

*Thank you for your support of  
Sts. Philip & James Parish*

### Sacraments

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

**Marriage**— Couples are asked to contact the Pastoral Center before visiting the reception hall. The Marriage Preparation process is nine months before your proposed wedding date.

**Confirmation**— Seventh and Eighth grade students are prepared to celebrate through Religious Ed or SSPJ School. Adults prepare through RCIA.

**Reconciliation**— Available Saturdays from 4:00pm-5:00pm in the Church or by contacting the Parish Center for an appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick**— In case of serious, unexpected illness, please contact the Parish Center office to arrange for a Priest to pray with the person who is ill. Anointing of the Sick is held on the first Sunday of the month following the 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

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



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  
CAPTAIN PAUL WILLMS  
STAFF SGT. MICHAEL LONGHENRY  
LT. COL. PAUL T. JACKSON-  
STAFF SGT ALEXANDER PARRELLA-USAF  
RICHARD SOTOMAYER- USAF  
SGT. CONNOR F. SCOTT- USMC  
SGT. CORY O'HARA -USMC  
CDR. ROBERT J. MARSH-USN  
PFC. CHARLES CHRISTOPHER HOWELL  
STEVEN CAVA-USN  
ERIC SEELIN- USMC  
CW2 CHRIS MUNZ  
CW2 NATASHA WORTMAN  
CORPORAL JAMES T. CASEY-USMC  
GREGORY DEVANEY- USMC  
SGT. JOSHUA MAHONEY- US ARMY  
KEVIN JONES-USCG  
PRIVATE JOSHUA OLSEN-USARNG  
GLEN CRIMA-US ARMY  
SGT. ANTHONY SCIAMETTA- US ARMY  
MARIO CATANIA-USMC  
RYAN ANTHONY NASCIMENTO-USMC  
KYLE ANTHONY NASCIMENTO-US ARMY  
ENS. RYAN M. SHOWS -USN  
STAFF SGT. RYAN REXRODE-USMC  
DR. KARA VANDEKIEFT, COL.-USAF  
SGT. STEPHEN D. OUTCAULT-USMC  
PAUL MUMOLO-USN  
VICTORIA ZEMAN, USCG  
KYLE J. GRUNER -US ARMY  
MARK GIORDANO—US COASTGUARD  
KELLI MCLAUGHLIN— 2ND LT. US ARMY NATL. GUARD

**Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:**

**Weekly Collection: Sunday, June 2nd, 2019**

**Communications (Sent to DRVC)**

**Faith Direct:**

**\$ 14,966.**

**\$ 1,765.**

**\$ 2,877.**

**\$21,000**

**Total Weekly Collection:**

**\$19,608.**

**Thank you for your stewardship and contributions to our Parish**

## **Pentecost...A Reflection by Joyce Rupp**

### **The Energies of the Spirit of God**

When we come face to face with the challenge of self-giving, when we are asked to go the extra mile, to take the risk of reaching out to another, to offer forgiveness to the heart that rejects us...

***Spirit of God, fill us with the energy of your love.***

When our world seems bleak, when we walk with sadness written on our soul, when we have days during which everything goes wrong...

***Spirit of God, stir the energy of your joy within us.***

When anxiety and concern take over our spirit, when restlessness or boredom holds sway over us, when our world cries out in distress and turmoil...

***Spirit of God, deepen in us the energy of your peace.***

On those days when we hurry too much, during those times when our anger flares because our pet agendas aren't met, when we stop giving people our acceptance and understanding...

***Spirit of God, create in us the energy of your kindness.***

As we face the shadow of our inner world or peer into the darkness of our outer world, as we struggle to believe in our own gifts and blessings...

***Spirit of God, strengthen in us the energy of your goodness.***

In those difficult times when fear threatens to drown our trust in you, during those experiences of growth when we are tempted to doubt all the ways we have known you...

***Spirit of God, renew in us the energy of trusting you.***

When harshness or abruptness dominates our moods, when we feel challenged by the power of another, when we use the things of this good earth...

***Spirit of God, bless us with the energy of your gentleness.***

As we walk on the edges of life and death, as we struggle with the disciplines of spiritual growth, as we yearn to be faithful amid the many changes of inner and outer growth...

***Spirit of God, move us with the energy of your guidance.***

Spirit of God, you are the stirrings in our hearts. You urge us to get going. You prompt us to follow. You encourage us not to give up. You call us to open our minds and our hearts to receive your energizing, transforming radiance. Make us receptive so that we will follow your loving movement within our lives. We trust in your powerful presence within us. Amen.

From: *May I Have This Dance? An Invitation to Faithful Prayer Throughout the Year* by Joyce Rupp



**A THANK YOU NOTE**

Once again the parishioners of Sts. Philip and James Parish have been very generous in supporting the recent Baby Shower held after the masses the weekend of May 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you all so much for your gifts to support our efforts to let families in need know how much they are loved. All donations will be forwarded to those facilities that will bring the love of your donations to the families in need.

**GOD BLESS**

If you still have donations, please call 631-862-9370 and we can make arrangements to pass on your donations.

*All are Invited to Hospitality Sunday*

*Hosted by the Knights of Columbus*

*Today, Sunday, June 9th, 2019*

*After the 8am and 10am masses*

*Please join in for fellowship and friendship*

**WELCOME**

***Music Ministry***



**Happy Pentecost Sunday!**

Let the Spirit move you this weekend to sing loud and strong.

The traditional Come Holy Ghost is our Gathering hymn. A favorite so sing out. The Presentation, Spirit Come #452 in the MI. Ask the Spirit to fill your heart. Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

This weekend I would like to thank and recognize the Children's Choir. This group of children, Grades 3-6, rehearse every other Tuesday and sing every other Saturday with the Chords of Faith.

They love to sing and praise God through music.

I thank the following children that are the children's choir:

Madeline Bennett, Katelyn Feeney, Emma Glassberg, Rose Hughes  
Nina Hughes, Jovianna Keenan, Kaeley Murtha, Lilly Reauis, Alexandra Sengstaken  
Sara Thomson, Valentina Vigil

We always need new members. If you are in grades 3-6 think about joining.

You will be at Mass anyway so why not sing with us.

They had their end of year party May 28<sup>th</sup>. A fun time was had by all.

## *Parish Social Ministry*

### *Volunteer Needed*



*A wonderful Parishioner needs some assistance getting to the 12:00noon mass on Sundays They reside in the Fairfield Community If you are able to assist in this effort, kindly contact Lynn Sisti at 631-584-5454 Thank you for your assistance, care and concern.*

### *Women's Voices~*

#### *"Holy Moments"*

*"All Moments are gifts....*

*Many Moments are Holy....."*

***We will gather together on Monday, June 10th , 2019***

*At 7:00pm in the Bethany Center All are invited and encouraged to attend.*



*Can You Please Help Our Food Pantry?*

*We are currently in need of:  
Tuna*

*Paper Towels  
Small bags of white rice*

*Thank you for your kindness and generosity.*



### *A Message from Peace & Justice Committee*



In his encyclical 'Laudato si' Pope Francis calls for a change in lifestyle, indeed a conversion: "Climate change is a global problem with grave implications, probably the principal challenge facing Humanity in our day. Its worst impact will be felt in coming decades, especially by developing countries (# 25)." - "Humanity is called to a change of Lifestyle, of production and consumption, in order to combat this threat or at least to mitigate the effects of human actions that produce or aggravate it (# 23)."



*We are almost there....your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated!*  
*Any contribution is a gift...to help those in need...*  
*If you can, your offering will be a blessing.*  
**2019 SSPJ GOAL ~ \$119,700.00: SSPJ is at 85.4% of Goal**

2019  
CMA  
GOAL  
\$119,700

Pledges at  
6/2/19  
\$102,264.

**20  
19** CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Supporting *Dramatic Missionary Growth* in Our Community



Witnessing Forgiving Loving Helping Teaching Igniting Evangelizing  
 Teaching Igniting Evangelizing Forgiving Loving Helping Witnessing

Dear Friends:

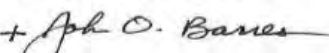
Evangelization is our mission in the Church. It is the mission Jesus gave us when He said, "*Go and make disciples of every nation...*" (Matt. 28:19). If we have been baptized into the Body of Christ, and given the Holy Spirit to share in Christ's mission, we must do what He did: seek out the lost, gather people together, and share the good news of salvation. At the end of Mass, we are sent forth like the disciples: "*Go, and proclaim the Gospel with your life.*"

The spiritual and corporal works of mercy also embody this call. The **Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)** is an opportunity to support the ministries that help us as we build up the Body of Christ. The **CMA** supports programs that guide our youth and young adults in understanding the teachings of the Church and how to integrate these teachings into their lives – at a time when other voices within the secular world are influencing them to act contrary to their faith.

Through your support Catholic Charities is assisted in providing countless good works each day, as a family has a breakthrough with an addicted child, a marginalized person rebuilds a life of dignity in finding affordable housing, or a newborn finds safety and hope at Regina Residence for unwed mothers. Evangelization goes hand in hand with the ministries supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal; this includes Hospital and Prison Ministry, Faith Formation for adults, and the critical support needed to offset the rising costs of education for our seminarians currently in formation to serve as priests in our Diocese.

Thank you for believing that *dramatic missionary growth* on Long Island is not only possible, but for working and supporting ministries that help to ignite it in our community. On behalf of all who benefit from your kindness, I am asking you to renew your participation in the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Thank you for embracing the mission of the Church. I keep you and your family in my Masses and prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
  
 Most Reverend John O. Barres



**'Don't forget to also check out the recommendations on our SSPJ community page'.**

**Visit [sspj.formed.org](https://sspj.formed.org)**

**Select the word: COMMUNITY at the top of the page**

**JUNE 2019**

**A Whole Month of Liturgical Content on formed.org!**

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## SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

**Study:** [Lectio Evangelization, Session 2: Clothed with Power](#)  
**Watch:** [The Messengers](#)  
**Listen:** [The Holy Spirit: Third Person of the Trinity](#)

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## SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

**Watch:** [Saint Anthony: The Miracle Worker of Padua](#)  
**Listen:** [St. Anthony](#)

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the FORMED website's community page. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://formed.org/community>. The website's navigation menu includes 'FORMED', 'ON DEMAND', 'COMMUNITY' (circled in red), 'LIBRARY', and 'MARKET'. Below the navigation, there are tabs for 'STUDY', 'WATCH', 'LISTEN', 'READ', and a 'SEARCH' button. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column features a section for 'Our Community' and 'FORMED Community', with a featured entry for 'SS Philip and James - NY - 11780' by Rev. Thomas J. Haggerty. Below this is a paragraph about the parish mission and a section for 'Invite Others to Our Community' with social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and Email. The right column is titled 'SS Philip and James - NY - 11780 Featured Content and Discussion Groups' and contains four promotional cards: 'YDISCIPLE - WHO IS GOD?', 'THE HOLY SPIRIT', 'CONTEMPORARY SAINTHOOD', and 'PENTECOST SUNDAY—JUNE 9, 2019'. Each card includes a brief description and a 'Learn More' link. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 1:52 PM on 6/5/2019.



# THE MEN'S FORUM

AT THE CHURCH OF SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES

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



## MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2019

**Fr. Patrick Osei-Poku, Associate Pastor at SSPJ Church**  
**Closing Liturgy for the 11th Season of the Men's Forum**

As is our custom, we close out the year with a Mass of Thanksgiving for all the wisdom, graces and blessings our good God has shared with us as men called to follow Jesus Christ. The Men's Forum is a brotherhood of Catholic men who are dedicated to growing in our faith and discipleship. We seek to become better men of Christian virtue and witness in our families, friendships, Church, and community. *Please join us!*

**LOCATION:** Main Church: 359 Clinton Avenue, Saint James, NY  
6:30 PM: Adoration • 7:30 PM: Mass • 8:30 PM: Coffee & Cake

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



**WE WELCOME ALL MEN TO SHARE IN THIS MISSION.**

We are a brotherhood of Catholic men who meet at Saints Philip & James R.C. Church and are dedicated to growing in our faith and discipleship in the Lord Jesus Christ. We gather twice a month to

pray, listen to spiritual wisdom, and draw strength from one another in fellowship. We seek to become better men of Christian virtue and witness in our families, friendships, Church, and community.

*Real Men, not without Real Struggles. With the Courage to Believe In Today's World.  
Our Faith Helps us Face Life's Big Questions. Our Strength Is Following Christ Together.*

**[www.sspjmensforum.org](http://www.sspjmensforum.org)**



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# Vacation Bible Camp



Week 1~ July 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> (or)

Week 2~ July 29<sup>th</sup>-Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>

Registration is available for either Week 1 or Week 2

(Curriculum will be the same for both weeks)

Monday – Friday from 9:30am – 12:00pm

*This summer's theme is: "Bible Hero's"*

*Vacation Bible Camp is a one week experience where 4-9 year olds are introduced to our faith through music, dance, arts & crafts, outside activities and daily assemblies. VBC is a place for children to sing, laugh, learn, pray and meet new friends. Special events and Surprises at the end of the program.*

- \$35 Tuition includes supplies, a daily healthy snack and a VBC T-Shirt.  
\* Registration is for either week 1 or week 2  
Registration forms are available at the Parish Center Office  
One Carow place St. James, NY 11780

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## CAMPER REGISTRATION 2019

WEEK 1 JULY 22 -26 \_\_\_ (OR) WEEK 2 JUL 29-AUG 2 \_\_\_

Camper's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (as of 9/19) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Contact # \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size (Children's) S M L (Adult) S M L XL

# Knights Annual Golf Outing



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES COUNCIL  
COUNCIL #12839

## ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2019

Smithtown Landing Country Club  
495 Landing Avenue • Smithtown, NY 11787



This Year's Honoree:

**James Ginty**



Registration: 8:30 am  
Shotgun Tee Off: 10 am



May the Course Be With You

Breakfast Sponsored By:  
Doda's Gold Shield Catering

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Players: \_\_\_\_ \$190.00 per person  
(includes Golf Cart, Lunch, Cocktail Hour, Dinner)

Dinner only: \_\_\_\_ \$90.00 per person

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Make Checks Out To:

Sts. Philp & James K of C Council #12839  
P.O Box 201 St. James, NY 11780

For Credit Card or PayPal:

Please Visit Our Home Page / Website:

[www.kofcsspj.org](http://www.kofcsspj.org)

Sponsorship:

- \_\_\_\_ Dinner Sponsorship @ \$1,000 - (2 Available)
- \_\_\_\_ Lunch Sponsorship @ \$500 - (2 Available)
- \_\_\_\_ Driving Range Sponsorship @ \$500 (2 Available)
- \_\_\_\_ Tee Signs Sponsorship @ \$100 each
- \_\_\_\_ Cart Sponsorship (1) \$300
- \_\_\_\_ Putting Green Sponsorship (4) @ \$250 each
- \_\_\_\_ Pin Flag Sponsorship (18) @ \$125 each

Sponsorship Information:

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contact: Thomas Sica (631) 521 - 4771  
[sikachu45@hotmail.com](mailto:sikachu45@hotmail.com)



# SSPJ SCHOOL MAY APOSTLES OF HOPE!

## *Sts. Philip and James School* *May* *Apostles of Hope*

### Nursery

**Gino Maniaci** is an Apostle of Hope. He is kind to his classmates and is always so helpful during clean up time. Gino spreads the joy of Jesus through his smile and kindness.

### Pre-Kindergarten

**Leah Anderson** is an Apostle of Hope. Leah tries her best to follow in Jesus' footsteps. She shares toys and is kind to all of her friends in the pre-k classroom. Leah follows directions and always wants to help her teachers.

**Ava Gramer** is an Apostle of Hope. Ava always tries her best and is a good friend to her classmates when she shares her pencils and crayons. She is working hard on remembering her prayers.

**Matthew Servidio** is an Apostle of Hope. Matthew always wants to help others and is a follower of Jesus because he always says his morning and afternoon prayers.

**Ryan Miller** is an Apostle of Hope. Ryan is a hard worker and takes pride in his work. He loves to help his classmates and is a follower of Jesus when he tries to do the right thing.

**Tommy Giacalone** is an Apostle of Hope. Tommy has been working extra hard on his classwork and is helpful and kind to his friends in class just like Jesus!

### Kindergarten

**Dominic DiIorio** is an Apostle of Hope. Dominic works hard and helps his friends catch up on their work. He loves to draw and adds excitement to our kindergarten class.

**Bradley Faustin** is an Apostle of Hope. Bradley loves to learn and help his friends. He enjoys learning about God and Jesus and tries to set an example to his classmates.

### Grade 1

**Mikaela Grimaldi** is an Apostles of Hope. Mikaela has been working very hard on following directions and showing her classmates how to be a good listener. She continues to follow in Jesus footsteps.

### Grade 2

**Joseph Favorito** is an Apostle of Hope. Joseph has been trying to treat others the way he wants to be treated. He is always happy to share his knowledge and his belongings with others. Joseph uses manners when he speaks to teachers and adults. He is a follower of Jesus.

**Reagan Prew** is an Apostle of Hope. Reagan recently cut her long hair and donated it to an organization that helps others. She also puts her extra change in the baby bottle in the classroom to help babies. Reagan always volunteers to help her teachers and her classmates whenever they need help. She is a follower of Jesus.

### Grade 3

**Mackenzie Cartwright** is an Apostle of Hope. Mackenzie is a hard working, thoughtful and dedicated student. She is a good friend to all her classmates and treats others with kindness.

**Rocco Lubrano** is an Apostle of Hope. Rocco is friendly and respectful to all his classmates. He is a good friend to all.

**Juliana Merlino** is an Apostle of Hope. Juliana tries her best and has a positive attitude toward school and learning. She is kind and friendly to all her classmates.



### Grade 4

**Nicolas Merlino** is an Apostle of Hope. Nicolas is friendly and kind to all of his classmates and he interacts well in group settings.

When completing group assignments, Nicolas provides valuable and knowledge information to his peers. Nicolas treats his classmates and teachers with dignity and respect.

**Joey Nigro** is an Apostle of Hope. Joey displays gentleness, kindness and strong faith. He is thoughtful and respectful to his classmates and teachers. Joey works hard to put forth his best effort and he is a wonderful role model for his classmates.

### Grade 5

**Katie Fioto** is an Apostle of Hope. Katie is always saying yes my Lord. She works hard in the classroom with her studies and works just as hard in the gym with her gymnastics. She is very helpful in the classroom and a friend to all.

**Madison McCulloh** is an Apostle of Hope. Madison is a hard working student who strives to be the best. You can find Madison as a member of various clubs like; drama club, senior choir, and as a member of the band as a flutist. Madison also enjoys being a role model and monitor for the early childhood grades. Thank you for continuing to say yes my Lord.

**Joshua Prew** is an Apostle of Hope. Joshua is always finding ways to say yes my Lord. In addition to being a bright student and an Altar Server at SSPJ, he has also been recently promoted to Boy Scout. Joshua was part of drama club and he enjoys playing sports like ice hockey and baseball.

### Grade 6

**Ashley Rubenstrunk** is an Apostle of Hope. Ashley is a sweet and kind student and friend to all. Her positive nature and happy smile make everyone around her feel good. Ashley works very hard in school and is respectful to all teacher and peers.

### Grade 7

**Michael Michaud** is an Apostle of Hope. Michael always strives to be the best version of himself. He is conscientious about his schoolwork and displays acts of kindness to his classmates by volunteering to help classmates who are having difficulty with math concepts. Michael volunteered at the SSPJ Christmas Tree Sale during the month of December in the evenings and on weekends. Michael is attentive to his Pre-K buddies, Grace and Aaron, during Mass and has volunteered to be a monitor for 2nd grade during his recess time. Michael is a member of the Sports and Calligraphy clubs and helps Mrs. Gallagher in the library when needed.

### Grade 8

**Danielle Devito** is an Apostle of Hope. Danielle is a hard worker in class. She plays on the CMSAA softball team as well as helping put together the 8th Grade yearbook and slide presentation. Danielle works well with her kindergarten buddy.

### Faculty

**Mrs. Fitzmaurice** is an Apostle of Hope. Ms. Fitz brings excitement and spirit to SSPJ school and her classroom. She is involved in many after school clubs and also helps to run the faculty sunshine club. Mrs. Fitzmaurice successfully prepared her Second grade class for First Holy Communion.



*Saints Philip and James Roman Catholic School*

# RAFFLE

Sponsored by the Church proceeds to benefit  
the Saints Philip and James Roman Catholic School.

## 2019 Sts. Philip & James Car Raffle

1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

**DONATION: 1 for \$20 / 6 for \$100**



### 1st Prize:

Win a 2019 Mercedes-Benz CLA 250 4MATIC® | OR \$15,000  
2 Year Lease (Subject to Terms and Conditions of Lease Contract)

**2nd Prize: \$250 | 3rd Prize: \$100 | 4th Prize: \$100 | 5th Prize: \$100**

Car raffle sales at Sts. Philip and James Church will be the weekends of: June 1/2 June 8/9 June 15/16. The Family Festival is June 20th to the 23rd, the drawing will be held on Sunday, June 23, 2019 at Sts. Philip and James Church, the last night of the Family Festival. Winner need not be present. Must be 21 years of age or over to participate. MB of Smithtown has no affiliation with Sts. Philip and James Church and is not responsible for or conducting the raffle. The Church and/or winner is responsible for initiating the lease, completing all associated documents and making all payments (including all taxes) in connection there with. In the event that less than 1000 tickets are sold raffle automatically reverts to a 50/50 prize with the church.

Mercedes-Benz of Smithtown

630 Middle Country Road, St. James NY

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# Sts. Philip and James 2019 Family Festival



June 20<sup>th</sup> – June 23<sup>rd</sup>

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Please consider one of our 2019 sponsorship opportunities:

**FESTIVAL SPONSOR:** Your name will appear in all SSPJ festival promotions as well as be prominently displayed at the festival. Festival Sponsors will receive 10 complimentary Pay-One-Price tickets

**RIDE SPONSOR:** Your name will be prominently displayed at a ride at the festival. You will receive 4 Pay-One-Price tickets.

**FAMILY FESTIVAL SUPPORTER:** Your name will be displayed on signs throughout the festival, along with other supporters. You will receive 2 complimentary Pay-One-Price tickets.

Pay-One-Price tickets are good for unlimited rides any one day of the SSPJ Festival.

Any questions, please contact Jennine Cullen at [jbcullen78@verizon.net](mailto:jbcullen78@verizon.net) or (631)871-9973.

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Yes I'd like to be a sponsor: please circle.

Festival Sponsor: -----\$1,500

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ride Sponsor-----\$500

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Festival Supporter-----\$200

\_\_\_\_\_

Please return no later than:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

June 12, 2019

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as you would like it displayed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to SSPJ, 359 Clinton Avenue, St. James

# SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of June 9th, 2019

## Sunday, June 9th, 2019

8:00am Guild Car Raffle Ticket Sales	School Lobby
9:00am KOC Hospitality Sunday	Auditorium
11:00am Stained Glass	Stained Glass Wkshp
7:00pm AA Meeting	Philip & James Room

## Monday, June 10th, 2019:

1:00pm Senior Group Meeting	Philip & James Room
7:00pm Boy Scout Meeting	Auditorium
7:00pm Women's Voices	Bethany Center

## Tuesday, June 11th 2019:

1:30pm Spirit of Love Prayer Group	Prayer Room Church
7:00am St. Monica Prayer Group	Cantina
7:30am Respect Life Committee Meeting	Cantina

## Wednesday, June 12th, 2019

No Events Scheduled

## Thursday, June 13th, 2019

2:00pm Eucharistic Adoration	Church
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## Friday, June 14th, 2019:

1:00pm School Graduation	Church
3:00pm Stained Glass	Stained Glass Wkshp
7:00pm AA Meeting	Philip & James Room
7:00pm Wash Kit Gang	Auditorium
8:00pm Eucharistic Adoration	Church

## Saturday, June 15th, 2019

5:00pm SSPJ Guild Car Raffle Ticket Sales	School Lobby
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## Sunday, June 16th, 2019:

8:00am Guild Car Raffle Ticket Sales	School Lobby
11:00am Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Wkshp
7:00pm AA Meeting	Sts. Philip & James Room



Vacation Bible Camp is looking for Registered nurses to volunteer from 9am-12pm on a weekly or daily basis. Week one is July 22-26<sup>th</sup> or week two is July 29<sup>th</sup> - Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>

Please contact Virginia Portanova for more information at the rectory at 631-584-5454.

## Banns of Marriage

### First

**Mathew Stanley Kudej**  
St. Sylvester, SI  
To  
**Marlena Laskowski**  
Holy Cross Maspeth

### Second

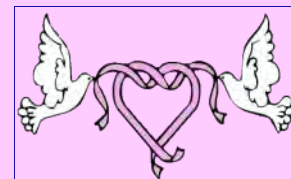
**Keith Thomas Olsen**  
St. Marys Islip  
To  
**Alana Drew Hart**  
SSPJ

### Third

**Justin Laskow~St. Ann, NJ**  
To  
**Alison Castiglie~SSPJ**

### Third

**Matthew Stefurak~**  
St Joseph Kings Park  
To  
**Daniella Saggese~SSPJ**



All Are Invited to Pray  
the Rosary

After the 7:30am mass  
Monday-Friday

Or

Before and after the  
9:15 mass  
Monday—Saturday



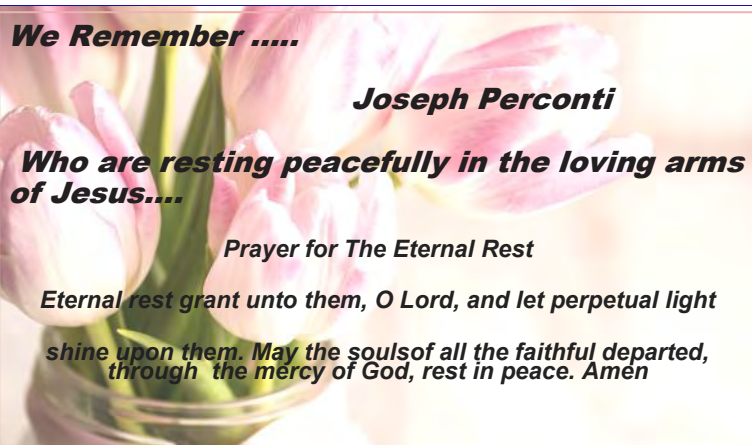
# Mass Intentions, For the week of June 9th, 2019

<p><u>Saturday, June 8th, 2019</u>                  5:00pm Concetta &amp; Joseph Bitetto</p>	<p><u>Thursday, June 13th, 2019</u>                  7:30am Anthony Sisti                  9:15am <u>Collective Mass:</u>                  Nancy Ann Raynor                  Angela Snak                  Theresa Stramiello                  Mathew (Living)</p>
<p><u>Sunday, June 9th, 2019</u>                  8:00am For the Parishioners of SSPJ                  10:00am Mary Castiglie Anderson                  12:00Noon <u>Collective Mass:</u>                  Rev. Otto Froehlich                  Rev. William Murphy                  Benedetta Caltabiano                  Eva Talento                  John E. Salomon, Jr.                  James Casey</p>	<p><u>Friday, June 14th, 2019</u>                  7:30am Marco Demicco                  9:15am Joseph Casey</p>
<p><u>Monday, June 10th, 2019</u>                  7:30am                  9:15am Helen Durlawanger</p>	<p><u>Saturday, June 15th, 2019</u>                  9:15am Paul Czujko                  5:00pm Joseph Creedon</p>
<p><u>Tuesday, June 11th, 2019</u>                  7:30am                  9:15am Joseph Castiglie</p>	<p><u>Sunday, June 16th, 2019</u>                  8:00am For the Parishioners of Sts Philip &amp; James                  10:00am Father's Day                  12:00Noon <u>Collective Mass:</u>                  Father's Day</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, June 12th, 2019</u>                  7:30am Jerry Borelli                  9:15am</p>	

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



Prayer for Comfort

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless your friends who are sick. Give them the strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. Let them recover their health, so that, restored to the Christian community, they may joyfully praise your name, for you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen

To add a name to prayers for the sick, kindly contact the Parish Center Office at 631-584-5454

- Baby Mattia Rose Lubrano, Carole Hennessy ,  
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 Kitty Cronin , Joseph Keane , Matthew  
 Michael LaVecchia, Patricia Fontana,  
 Patricia Monetti, Robin Graham Denis, Tim Cavooris,  
 Vivien Cordes , Bob Keenan, Dena Pollina  
 Vicki Archdeacon-Gibb, Anna & John Capizzio, Ian Dowling,  
 Tom Sica, Angelo Peluso, Charles Morgan, Baby Kennedy  
 Zachary Esposito-Tansey, Jeanine Esposito-Tansey,  
 Marty Caltabiano John Boland , Baby Adeline ,  
 Jordan Marvelli ,Angela Amoroso, Angie Carr, Al Salerno  
 Karlyn Phillips, Allison Ioli, Eric Shutka, Theresa Kassay

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## *PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR June 15th & 16th, 2019*

Saturday, June 15, 2019 5:00pm	Sunday, June 16, 2019 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, June 16, 2019 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, June 16, 2019 12:00 MASS
Father Tom Haggerty	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Patrick Osei-Poku
Deacon John	Deacon John	Deacon John	Deacon Ron

## *EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE -FOR June 15th & 16th, 2019*

Saturday, June 15, 2019	Sunday, June 16, 2019	Sunday, June 16, 2019	Sunday, June 16, 2019
5:00PM	8:00 AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
D. Toto	K. Consenz	T. Boboris	P. Agoglia
J. Duffy	J. Giacalone	J. Alternative	M. Laub
D. Earl	G. Beisel	M. Koke	B. Luna
M. Fox	C. Czujko	N. Locastro	A. Santo
G. Alfano	M. Dunn	S. McKie	M. McCreesh
I. Arevalo	R. Fabian	M. Morbillo	M. Peykar
R. Byrne	J. Harvey	P. Rizzo	P. Roman
D. Coppola	P. Kanuika	M. Sehne	C. Rubano
D. Anderson	P. Martin	M. Hoonhout	V. Rubano
L. Tepedino	W. Ramos	E. Law	A. Mantia

## *ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE -FOR June 15th & 16th, 2019*

Saturday, June 15, 2019	Sunday, June 16, 2019	Sunday, June 16, 2019	Sunday, June 16, 2019
5:00PM MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
M. Carlino	M. Russo	J. Prew	E. Zemen
V. Scarpelli	C. Morbillo	G. Cusumano	C. D'Agostino
R. Laro	G. Morbillo	N. Cusumano	S. Santos
M. Page		P. Cusumano	P. Mazzola

## *LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR June 15th & 16th, 2019*

Saturday, June 15, 2019	Sunday, June 16, 2019	Sunday, June 16, 2019	Sunday, June 16, 2019
5:00PM MASS	8:00 AM MASS	10:00AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
L. Auleta	B. Luna	T. Cafaro	P. O'Hara
R Donagan	E. Nicastro	M. Sehne	G. Law



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## Who Is Lady Wisdom?

*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Proverbs 8:22-31 - The discourse of wisdom
- ▶ Romans 5:1-5 - Faith, hope, and love
- ▶ John 16:12-15 - Coming of the paraclete

In the Christian tradition, we don't often reflect on passages in scripture that personify a female element of the divine. Today's reading from the Book of Proverbs does just that. This passage would have been well known to Jesus and his fellow Jews, as well as to the New Testament writers. Those authors sometimes drew direct and other times subtle connections between the central figure in the Proverbs reading, Lady Wisdom, with Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

The voice in the passage is Wisdom, often referred to as Lady Wisdom by scripture scholars. In the Old Testament, this Wisdom figure is always personified as a woman, just as references to God's spirit (which God breathed into the first humans) are feminine. Lady Wisdom seems to originate within God, not as a creation of God. "The Lord possessed me ... I was poured forth ... I was brought forth." Such a description is similar to the phrase in our creed that describes Jesus as "begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father." Lady Wisdom appears to be a co-worker with God in creation, a master craftsman (craftswoman!) reflecting herself in all of creation.

So who exactly is Lady Wisdom? Is she equivalent to Jesus? John suggests this parallel in the first verses of his Gospel. At times Paul equates the two as well. "Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Cor 1:24). Or is Lady Wisdom the Holy Spirit because references to God's spirit in the Hebrew Bible are feminine? There is no right or wrong answer. The concept of the Trinity is a mystery far beyond what our



limited minds can imagine. What is important is that we don't fall into the trap of identifying God as a male or female, but as possessing attributes of both.

Ultimately, the concept of the Trinity remains a mystery for our limited human brains. How is God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit? How is God the creator, the redeemer, and the sanctifier? Where does Lady Wisdom enter all of this? Scripture writers, like us, falter at trying to describe the indescribable, which is why we have so many different and sometimes conflicting images and metaphors for God

### Questions of the Week

- 1 If you think of God as the Trinity, which "person" do you most identify with and why: Father/Creator, Son, or Holy Spirit?
- 2 Does imagining God with a feminine aspect change how you think of God? Why or why not?

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## Faith, Fear and Death

*A common soldier dies without fear; Jesus died afraid.* Iris Murdoch wrote those words which, I believe, help expose an oversimplistic notion we have of how faith reacts in the face of death.

There's a popular notion that believes that if we have strong faith we should not suffer any undue fear in the face of death, but rather face it with calm, peace, and even gratitude because we have nothing to fear from God or the afterlife. Christ has overcome death. Death sends us to heaven. So why be afraid?

This is, in fact, the case for many women and men, some with faith and some without it. Many people face death with very little fear. The biographies of the saints give ample testimony to this and many of us have stood at the deathbed of people who will never be canonized but who faced their death calm and unafraid.

So why was Jesus afraid? And it appears he was. Three of the Gospels describe Jesus as far from calm and peaceful, as sweating blood, during the hours leading up to this death. Mark's Gospel describes him as particularly distressed as he is dying: *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me!* What's to be said about this?

Michael Buckley, the California Jesuit, once gave a famous homily within which he set up a contrast between the way Socrates faced his death and the way Jesus faced his. Buckley's conclusion can leave us perplexed. Socrates seems to face death more courageously than Jesus does.

For example, like Jesus, Socrates was also unjustly condemned to death. But he faced his death with calm, completely unafraid, convinced that the just man has nothing to fear either from human judgment or from death. He discoursed very calmly with his disciples, assured them that he wasn't afraid, imparted his blessing, drank the poison, and died.

And Jesus, how much to the contrary: In the hours leading up to his death he felt deeply the betrayal of his disciples, sweated blood in agony, and just minutes before dying cried out in anguish as he felt himself abandoned. We know, of course, that his cry of abandonment wasn't his final moment. After that moment of anguish and fear, he was able to hand his spirit over to his Father. In the end, there was calm; but, in the moments before, there was a time of awful anguish within which he felt himself abandoned by God.

If one does not consider the inner complexities of faith, the paradoxes it contains, it makes no sense that Jesus, sinless and faithful, should sweat blood and cry out in inner anguish as he faced his death. But real faith isn't always what it looks like from the outside. Many persons, and often times particularly those who are the most faithful, have to undergo a trial that the mystics call *a dark night of the soul*.

What's *a dark night of soul*? It's a God-given trial in life wherein we, much to our own surprise and anguish, can no longer imagine God's existence or feel God in any affective way in our lives. In terms of inner feeling, this is felt as doubt, as atheism. Try as we might, we can no longer imagine that God exists, much less that God loves us. However, as the mystics point out and as Jesus' himself gives witness to, this isn't a loss of faith but actually a deeper modality of faith itself.

Up to this point in our faith, we have been relating to God mainly through images and feelings. But our images and feelings about God are not God. So, at some point, for some people, though not for everybody, God takes away the images and the feelings and leaves us conceptually empty and affectively dry, stripped of all the images we have created about God. While in reality this is actually an overpowering light, it is felt as darkness, anguish, fear, and doubt.

And so we might expect that our journey towards death and our face-to-face encounter with God might also involve the breaking down of many of the ways we have always thought about and felt about God. And that will bring doubt, darkness, and fear in our lives.

Henri Nouwen gives a powerful testimony to this in speaking about his mother's death. His mother had been a woman of deep faith and had each day prayed to Jesus: *Let me live like you, and let me die like you.* Knowing his mother's radical faith, Nouwen expected that the scene around her deathbed would be serene and a paradigm of how faith meets death without fear. But his mother suffered deep anguish and fear before she died and that left Nouwen perplexed, until he came to see that his mother's lifelong prayer had indeed been answered. She had prayed to die like Jesus – and she did.





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