



The Parish of Saints Philip and James

1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

631-584-5454

November 10, 2019  
Thirty-second Sunday  
In Ordinary Time



*"For they are like the angels; and they are the children of God  
because they are the ones who will rise."*

*Luke 20:36*

*"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

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Catherine Darrow

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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR Grades 3-6

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Diane M. Anderson

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### TRUSTEES

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### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Michael Sharkey, Lou Guerra, Cynthia Lombardi, Paul Damato  
Martin Marut, Maureen Burke, Erin Nicastro

### 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.  
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CAPT. JOHN TULLY- USN  
LT. COL. JAMES TULLY-US ARMY  
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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, November 3rd, 2019**

**Faith Direct:**

**\$ 15,508.**

**\$ 2,877.**

**\$21,000**

**Total Weekly Collection:**

**\$18,385**

**Second Collection for : Military Sent to Diocese of Rockville Ctr.**

**\$2,955**

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

# Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

Have you ever wondered what happens after death? Most of us have at one time or other. In today's gospel, the Sadducees try to impose their vision of the afterlife on Jesus. How does Jesus answer them? Here are some reflections of Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP,

*Jesus responds to them by saying, in effect, "You have no idea what resurrection means." Jesus doesn't draw a picture depicting the next life, he doesn't say anything about pearly gates, golden streets and celestial thrones. In other words he doesn't take things from this life and put them, in an improved version, into the next. Instead of talking about things, he talks about relationships – our relationship with God and one another...*

*What is Jesus asking of us? To have faith in God and God's unbreakable covenant with us. God loves us now and that love will see us through the passage from this life to the next.... What difference does our faith in the resurrection have for us now? It helps us look at life through "resurrection eyes."....Resurrection eyes give us a new focus on life as we grow in appreciation for others as also loved by God. We don't measure another by their achievements, or their possessions, but because they too are children of God.*

*While the next life will certainly be dramatically different from this one - something from this life will be the same. We will continue to be, what Jesus calls us in the gospel today, "Children of God." That's the guarantee he offers us. Our strong ties with God here on earth will not be broken by death. God has made a covenant with us and so we will never be separated from God.*

This weekend we renew ourselves as a praying community. All of us are involved in Liturgical Ministry as we gather to voice our praise and thanks to God. There are also those involved in more formal roles at worship whose commitment to serve assists all of us at prayer. In the name of the parish, I extend thanks to each of you for your ministry to us, the Body of Christ. Let us continue to pray for and with one another.

During the month of November we will continue to pray with grateful hearts for all who have gone before us. If you have not already done so, please add the names of your loved ones who have died to our Book of Remembrance.

As we commemorate Veterans' Day this Monday, we pray for all who have served our country, for all who are currently serving in the military, and for their families. May God give us the wisdom, vision and courage to bring about a just and lasting peace.

And, kind of an oldie, but...

*A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor thy father and thy mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."*

Peace,

*Father Tom*

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

*Quiet, Patient, Listening to the gentle Voice Calling....*



“Francis, go and repair My house...”

Is Christ calling you  
to help repair His house?



**Third Order Secular Franciscans (OFS)**

In his *Letter to a Suffering Church*, Bishop Robert Barron reminds us that while our current suffering in the Church bears a painfully unique texture, the history of the Church has always suffered at the hands of the devil. Indeed, it is the very work of the devil to continue to look for ways to disarm us, to disillusion us, and to conquer us. Yet, his powers have always been limited and they always will be. Bishop Barron provides a litany of men and women who recognized and stood up against evil in whatever form it took. Saints Paul, Lucy, Agnes, Catherine of Sienna, and Francis of Assisi were all men and women who stood the ground of faith, despite whatever suffering the Church was experiencing in their times, to answer a call to follow Christ and to serve His Church as Apostles of Hope.

The Third Order Secular (*Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis*, in Latin), known as the Secular Franciscan Order, includes devout persons, both men and women, who want to make a difference. The Order was established by St. Francis of Assisi in 1221 as The Brothers and Sisters of Penance to meet the needs of lay people who sought to live the Gospel life while maintaining their lives in their families and among their communities. Today, the Order consists of people who are determined to improve their lives and the lives of others in accordance with the Gospel by following the example and lessons of St. Francis of Assisi. We each serve the Church in the ways that Christ and Francis direct us. The Spiritual and Corporeal Acts of Mercy offer an abundant number of possibilities for every one of us. While members do not live together as priests, sisters, or brothers do, they do gather together in Fraternities on a regular basis for prayer, study, discussion, and support. Because it is a recognized religious order of the Church, the process of becoming a Secular Franciscan involves a commitment of 18 to 36 months in formation. If their discernment is true and God wills it, Seculars ultimately make a public, sacred profession and are consecrated by the Church to live out the Gospel according to the example of St. Francis. There are nearly 13,000 life-professed Secular Franciscans in the United States today.

The St. Lawrence of Brindisi Fraternity gathers in the Parish Hall and Chapel of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church on North Ocean Ave. in Patchogue on the first Sunday of every month. Inquirers are always welcome to begin discerning if God is calling them to follow this path in their Catholic faith. For information, please contact the St. Lawrence of Brindisi Fraternity through:  
Mark Crean, O.F.S. – Minister (631) 698-5403, or  
Gene Keenan, O.F.S. – Vocation Director (631) 737-5029

*Attention All Aspiring Writers!*  
THE GABRIEL Staff is welcoming  
all Contributors to offer some  
words on some of the following  
topics:

- ~ A Great Christmas Memory
- ~ How did I ever get through Christmas?
- ~ What Christmas means to me
- ~ Christmas through the eyes of the SSPJ Community
- ~ An open Christmas topic

Deadline for submission is :  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH**

*Any questions, please contact:*  
Elena Atkins Mingione at:  
[emingione55@yahoo.com](mailto:emingione55@yahoo.com)  
516 359 9264 (text)  
Or email Peter Rooney at  
[peterroon@me.com](mailto:peterroon@me.com)

*Congratulations Aidan!*

Aidan Cazalet is the first in his class to join the  
**Lector Ministry!**



With the help and support of Mrs. Calandra and Rita Byrne the Sts. Philip and James Eighth Grade students are the second lectors at a 5:00 pm mass on Saturday as part of their Religion curriculum.

After successfully completing his service as a student lector, Aidan has responded to the call of being an Apostle of Hope and has decided to join the Lector ministry.

Aidan is commended for his dedication and service to SSPJ Parish and School.

*On Veteran's Day and Always~ Thank you for your service....*



## **Pray for the Veterans**

Dear God, I am a stripe, I am a star, I am red, white and blue. Although I've never met all the veterans who sacrificed their lives, I will always pray for them. I sleep undisturbed. My family is safe because men and women fought for their country in our hour of need. Bless them. Bless their souls. Let them feel the love I send out to them by my prayer. Let them know the appreciation I have for their bravery and devotion. Let them hear my gratitude: Thank you to the veterans of war, each one a hero. Amen

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## ***Parish Social Ministry***



*To promote the independence of our service users and to better respect their dignity, we would like to empower them to make their own choices for a holiday dinner. Therefore, again this year, we would appreciate more supermarket gift cards or monetary contributions and less in the way of food items. We will be collecting your donations after the Masses on November 9th and 10th, 16th and 17th. You may also bring them to the Rectory Office. Distribution to our clients will be on Monday, November 19.*

*Thank you and God bless you for your ongoing generosity.*

Second Collection Next Weekend  
November 16th & 17th, 2019

For Assistance with upcoming  
Heating Expenses

Your generosity is greatly appreciated



THE WONDERFUL WASHKIT GANG  
IS IN NEED OF

TRIAL SIZE SHAMPOOS.



IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY,  
KINDLY BRING YOUR DONATION TO THE  
PARISH CENTER OFFICE.  
THANK YOU

**ITS THAT TIME OF YEAR**  
*The Catholic Daughters will be hosting  
their....*

**THANKSGIVING BAKE SALE!!!**  
*Next Weekend  
November 16th & 17th, 2019*

*After all masses*

*Please stop by for a delicious baked goodie  
while supporting the awesome work of the  
SSPJ Catholic Daughters*



**The Knights of Columbus**

Invite ALL to Hospitality Sunday



Next Weekend, Sunday, November 17th

After the 8am and 10am masses

Please stop by and enjoy fellowship and a light  
breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be having a  
recruitment drive as well, so stop by and see  
all the good that is happening!

### **Being Catholic 101 (Catholicism for Dummies)**

**On the following Sundays in November we will be holding a session in the church after the 8 AM Mass. They will last no longer than a half hour. Why not come and be reenergized in you faith life and then share it with others.**

**Here are the dates and topics for November:**

**Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>: Who do you say I am? (developing a relationship with Jesus)  
Presenter-S. Theresita**

**Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>: What we can eat meat on Friday?  
Growing up Catholic.  
Presenter- Michael Hoonhout**

**\*Sessions after 8am and 12noon mass**

**Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>: What's it all about Alfie? OOPS, ADVENT  
Presenter- Fr. Tom**

**The RCIA TEAM IS looking forward to sharing faith with you in these coming weeks.**

**May your week be blessed. Sister Theresita**

*“Shine like lights in the world, as you hold on to the word of life” Phil 2:15*

## *We Welcome All to Participate in Our 2019 Tree Lighting Ceremony*

*On Saturday, November 30th, 2019 after the 5:00mass*

*This event offers a wonderful opportunity to remember in your hearts  
“the lights of your loved ones” during this holiday season.*

*Our Christmas tree located on the front lawn of the rectory  
will be lit as the names of our loved ones are read aloud...*

*Hot cocoa and Cookie reception immediately follows.*

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

*Wednesday, November 27th ~ For name to be announced at the tree lighting ceremony*

*Tuesday, December 10th ~ For names to be published in our Christmas bulletin*

*All names received by December 10th will be printed in our Christmas bulletin*

***\$5.00 donation per each name being memorialized***

***“Let their lights shine not only in our hearts, but, in our Parish”***

*Annual Tree Lighting Memorial*

*Let the Light  
of:* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Illuminate the SSPJ Christmas Tree this Christmas season and in my heart.  
Remembered by:* \_\_\_\_\_

Contact#: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Please place this form in an envelope with payment and return to Parish center office by: November 27th for  
name to be read at Tree lighting ceremony or December 10th to be included in the Christmas bulletin*

SSPJ Alumni Honors~  
Chaminade High School

Paul R. Caruso~ Senior

Machado E. Rodriguez~ Junior  
Emmet W. Zeman~Junior

Sophomore~

Liam A. Auletta  
Christopher R. Caputo, Jr  
Connor D. Collett  
Aidan M. Duffy  
Andrew E. Ebinger  
Cristian F. Rodriguez  
Mark L. Stephen

SSPJ Alumni Honors~  
Kellenberg Memorial High School

Emma D'Amelia

Ava Kaiser

To all our SSPJ Alumni Students we  
send you our prayers for your studies  
and sincere congratulations for your  
accomplishments

*Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom His love commits me here,  
ever this day (or night) be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and  
guide.*

*Amen.*

# RE<sup>IGI</sup>OUS EDUCA<sup>TION</sup>

**6 th Grade Mass~**  
**Sunday, November 17th**  
**10:00am**

**On Veterans Day,**  
**Monday, November 11th**

**Religious Education Classes are**  
**cancelled.**



Prayer of the month for November

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those

who trespass against us

and lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil, Amen.





**SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION:** For GRADES: 1, 2, & 3

THIS REFLECTION IS TO BE SHARED AT MASS ON:  
SATURDAY, OR SUNDAY, November 16th or 17th



November 10th, 2019

**Welcome to the Thirty-second Sunday In Ordinary Time**

The Gospel of: Luke 20:27-38

My Name Is: \_\_\_\_\_

I Am In Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

My Catechist "Teacher's" Name Is: \_\_\_\_\_

*Gospel Message: Luke 20:27-38*

In today's scripture story, we hear about a group of religious leaders, called the Sadducees, who were trying to trick Jesus in a very mean way with a question.

Jesus Is With Us Always

**WORDS TO  
FIND:**

KIND

LOVE

HOPE

FAITH

HEAVEN

ETERNAL LIFE

SADDUCEES

HOPE

GOD

Y Z E X F Z K K F J L K W G S Q K C M F  
 K I K W U S L M N B B H P J P D I X Z T  
 K M E S E E C U D D A S M Z Q K N V O Q  
 F B L Y Y B J D G V X O Q L Q Z D K B S  
 J C Y F K E I J S Z N A K D L U E M G S  
 R D L H Y D Q D X M Q W T P C A B R X T  
 B G D L M Q V O P F C E M W Y S N L P F  
 B T V U O U O N Y U D B P A I P O C Y D  
 H F P F J V U T I X H X A O N J H N D S  
 N X P U V A E O Q M A E O J H Q I E T O  
 C F N M B X Q M M Z Q T W L C J E V U K  
 E A Z U B U I L U A L E U R Z Q C A M Q  
 V I J P O M T U C V E R L M F F T E Z F  
 Z T B Z R N T K L Q A N V O K Z O H C N  
 B H G A X U Y J S N U A E E M I A G D S  
 R V E J S V U S J J P L C W O H Q V B U  
 S Z E S K I E K Q J G L D L M D S B Z B  
 Y W X R M S Y E S T V I O X M D L H J T  
 W R N A Q N F X A S X F G B S Y I W H O  
 Q I B F N Z I I I S Q E Y J D R N E G T

*My Weekly Prayer:*

*Thank you Jesus for always reminding me that you love me each and every day~ thank you for the sunshine and thank you for the rain, thank you for butterflies and thank you for my brain! Amen*



**SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION:** For GRADES: 4,5 & 6  
 THIS REFLECTION IS TO BE SHARED AT MASS ON:  
 SATURDAY OR SUNDAY, November 16th or 17th



Welcome to the Thirty-second Sunday In Ordinary Time ~  
 November 10th, 2019

My Name Is: \_\_\_\_\_

I Am In Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

My Catechist Name Is: \_\_\_\_\_

*Gospel Message: The Gospel of Luke 20:27-38*

In today's scripture story, we hear about a group of religious leaders, called the Sadducees, who were trying to trick Jesus in a very mean way with a question.

## Jesus and the Sadducees

And they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. Luke 20:36 (NIV)

Based on Luke 20:27-38



M V E C K M P I W W A W V E J  
 O S E V E N E F S L O N D G V  
 S G W N L E G E R A T M N B F  
 E Y W I F N R I S E A H A K Q  
 S A U I D F E S B K A C G N N  
 J N W Z X O S J A C O B D I F  
 N H N C C W W L Q D L A R Y M  
 A I X W H M Y S C H E E R J X  
 B B V O I H P O P D H R P J G  
 R T Q G L A C D C T A Y T E I  
 A T C U D L P T O M X I H Y V  
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 A M M I E V B K W A N G E L S  
 M B O B N E E M I U W C X B G  
 G O B W F V B J H Z O I M N B

MOSES  
 ISAAC  
 WIFE

ABRAHAM  
 JACOB  
 WOMAN

MARRY  
 RISE  
 DEAD

ALIVE  
 SEVEN  
 CHILDREN

BROTHER  
 ANGELS  
 WIDOW

*Pray together this week:*

*"We call upon you, for you will answer us, O God. Please hear our prayers this week and protect and guide us toward your loving actions."*

*Amen*



**SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION: For GRADES: 7 & 8 Confirmation I & II**  
**THIS REFLECTION IS TO BE SHARED AT MASS ON:**  
**SATURDAY, November 16th OR SUNDAY, November 17th**



Welcome to the 32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time ~

November 10th, 2019

Mass Readings: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14, Psalm 17:1-5-6,8,15, 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5, Luke 20:27-38

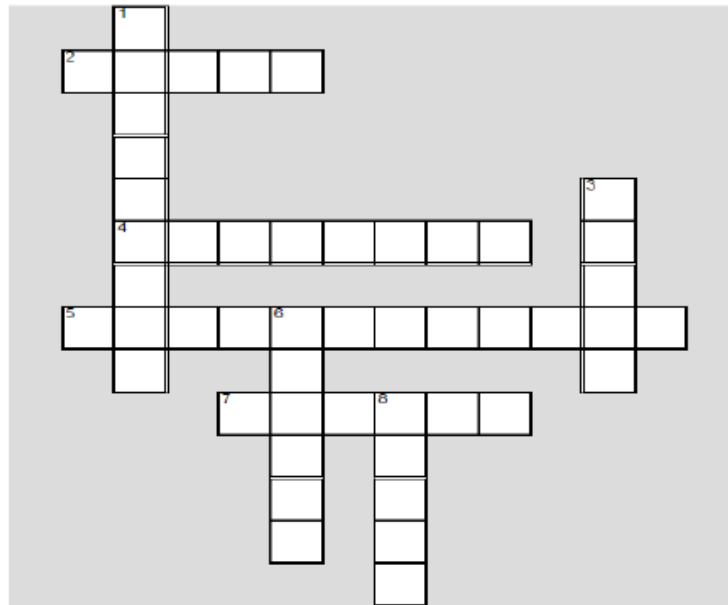
Student's Name : \_\_\_\_\_

I Am In Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

My Catechist Name Is: \_\_\_\_\_

*Gospel: Luke: 20:27-38:*

God is our God, and we are his people, death is not the end of the story. It is the beginning. Those who are willing to give their lives to God now will find that God will be there for them when the journey of their earthly life is over. We are to love one another just as God loves us and share God's love for people in a way that excludes no one.



**Across**

- 2** Jesus said to them, "People who belong to this age \_\_\_ and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy to participate in that age, that is, in the age of the resurrection from the dead, won't \_\_\_ nor will they be given in marriage."
- 4** They can no longer die, because they are like angels and are God's \_\_\_ since they share in the resurrection.
- 5** In the \_\_\_, whose wife will she be?
- 7** He isn't the God of the dead but of the \_\_\_. To him they are all alive.

**Down**

- 1** Some \_\_\_, who deny that there's a resurrection, came to Jesus and asked...
- 3** Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a \_\_\_ but no children, the brother must marry the \_\_\_ and raise up children for his brother.
- 6** Even Moses demonstrated that the dead are \_\_\_
- 8** In the passage about the burning bush, Moses speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of \_\_\_, and the God of Jacob.

**WORD BANK:** MARRY CHILDREN RESURRECTION LIVING SADDUCEES  
 RAISED ISAAC WIDOW

## HOLIDAY VISIT TO CALVERTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

DATE: Wednesday, December 10, 2019

ARRIVAL AT CALVERTON: 9:45 A.M.  
DEPARTURE FROM CALVERTON: 2:00 P.M.

BUS PICK-UP TIMES AND LOCATIONS:  
(BUS WILL MAKE STOPS AT BOTH LOCATIONS ON RETURN TRIP)

8:00 a.m. THE BRANCH FUNERAL HOME  
190 East Main Street  
Smithtown, New York 11787

8:15 a.m. SMITHTOWN SENIOR CENTER  
420 Middle Country Road  
Smithtown, New York 11787

YOU MUST CALL (631) 724-9500 - THE BRANCH FUNERAL HOME TO  
RESERVE A SEAT ON THE BUS BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, YOU MAY CALL THE ABOVE NUMBER TO  
ORDER GRAVE WREATHS. YOUR ORDER WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU  
ON THE BUS THE DAY OF THE TRIP.

THIS IS A FREE TRIP SPONSORED BY THE BRANCH FUNERAL HOME

COFFEE, COOKIES AND COLD DRINKS WILL BE SERVED,  
ALONG WITH PIZZA ON THE WAY BACK.  
THE BUS HAS A LAVATORY.

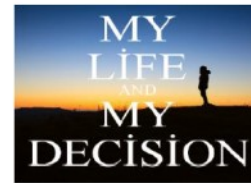
## The Branch Funeral Home

### *"Coping With the Holidays After The Loss of a Loved One"*

Date November 16, 2019  
Place The Branch Funeral Home  
190 East Main Street  
Smithtown, New York  
Time 10:30 am to 12 Noon  
Facilitated by Eileen McCormick LMHC  
Bereavement Specialist

Please call 631-724-9500 to reserve a seat.

A COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM FROM CATHOLIC HOME CARE & GOOD SHEPHERD HOSPICE



### *Giving A Gift From The Heart*

... A Gift For Which They Will Be Forever Grateful

### Our Lady Queen Of Martyr

53 Prospect Road Centerport, NY 11721

**November 13th @ 10AM**

Please Call Parish Social Ministry

to Register 631 754 9045

Good Samaritan Room

In a time of crisis, one of the greatest gifts you can give your loved ones  
is to remove the burden of making decisions for you  
off their shoulders.

By developing a plan you can insure  
*it is your choice, your way...as you have always done!*

Victoria Hughes, Account Management/Community Outreach  
Carolyn Fornabaio, Account Management/Community Outreach



Catholic Home Care  
Good Shepherd Hospice  
Catholic Health Services  
At the heart of health

[www.goodshepherdhospice.chsl.org](http://www.goodshepherdhospice.chsl.org) / 516-465-6363  
[www.catholichomecare.chsl.org](http://www.catholichomecare.chsl.org) / 516-465-6830

110 Bi-County Blvd., Suite 114, Farmingdale, NY 11735

SSPJ Students received a special visit from a former graduate!

## Thomas Vigliante DDS!



### **A SPECIAL DAY FOR ALL!**

SSPJ students learned all about their teeth, how to take care of their teeth and what foods are good for their teeth.

And Dr. Vigliante was able to do what he loves and give back to the school which has given him so much!



**THANK YOU  
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## *SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of November 10th, 2019*

### Sunday, November 10th, 2019

8:30am	RCIA	Cantina
8:30am	Pre-Cana Weekend	Auditorium
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room

### Thursday, November 14th, 2019

2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
6:45pm	Hand Bells	Church
7:00pm	Boy Scout Leadership Mtg	Monte Building
7:00pm	SSPJ School Drug Awareness	Auditorium
7:30pm	Adult Choir	Choir Loft

### Monday, November 11th, 2019:

*No Events Scheduled in observance of Veteran's Day*



### Friday, November 15th, 2019

7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room
8:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church

### Tuesday, November 12th, 2019:

1:00pm	REO Team Meeting	Philip & James Room
1:30pm	Spirit of Prayer Ministry Meeting	Church Prayer Rm
4:00pm	Children's Choir	Church
4:40pm	DRVC Adult Formation	Philip & James Rm
5:45pm	REO 6th Grade Church Tour	Church
7:00pm	St. Monica Group	Cantina
7:30pm	Chords of Faith	Church
7:30pm	Respect Life Committee Mtg.	Cantina

### Saturday, November 16th, 2019

5:00pm	CDA Thanksgiving Bake Sale	School Lobby
5:00pm	Children's Liturgy	Auditorium

### Wednesday, November 13th, 2019:

7:00pm	Youth Ministry Meeting	Bethany Center
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### Sunday, November 17th, 2019:

8:00am	CDA Thanksgiving Bake Sale	<small>School lobby</small>
8:30am	RCIA Sessions	SSPJ Room
9:00am	KOC Hospitality Sunday	Auditorium
10:00am	Children's Liturgy	Auditorium
10:00am	RE 6th Grade Mass	Church
11:00am	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Wkshp
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Sts. Philip & James Room

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# Mass Intentions, For the week of November 10th, 2019

Saturday November 9th, 2019  
5:00pm Ignatious Griffo

Sunday, November 10th, 2019  
8:00am For the Parishioners of SSPJ  
10:00am Paul Kirdahy  
12:00 Noon Collective Mass:  
Anne Voughn  
Barbara Harkins  
Dr. Philip Mantia  
John Capizzio  
Michael Yenick  
Dorothy Becker

Monday, November 11th, 2019~St. Martin of Tours  
7:30am All Souls Novena  
9:15am John Ferriso

Tuesday, November 12th, 2019~Saint Josaphat  
7:30am Thomas Stinsman  
9:15am John T. Moore

Wednesday, November 13th, 2019~St. Francis Xavier  
7:30am Dr. Colene Young  
9:15am Dena Pollina

Thursday, November 14th, 2019  
7:30am Dennise O'Connell  
9:15am Collective Mass  
Pasquale Campano  
Kay Roth  
Solomon Mediavilla  
Living~Ellen Mary Newill Boyd

Friday, November 15th, 2019~St. Albert the Great  
7:30am Philip A. Mantia  
9:15am Dena Pollina

Saturday, November 16th, 2019~ St. Margaret of Scotland  
9:15am Mario Mignone  
5:00pm Frank Romanelli

Sunday, November 17th, 2019  
8:00am For the Parishioners of SSPJ  
10:00am Nicholas Albert Gill  
12:00 Noon Collective Mass:  
John Mignone  
Christopher O'Hanlon  
John Capizzio  
Gail Morreale  
Sophia Kajenski  
Julio Jules Christie

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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

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Andrew Krauer	Joseph
Angela Amoroso	Judy Hanrahan
Angelo Peluso	Julie Scott
Anthony A	Karlynn Phillips,
Antoinette Rotolo	Kathleen N.,
Anna Capizzio	Kitty Cronin
Baby Adeline	Leon Donach
Baby Kennedy	Maria Clark
Baby Mattia Rose Lubrano	Marie Sabry,
Brian R.	Marty Caltabiano
Bob Keenan,	Matthew
Charles Morgan	Melissa C.
Donalea Donach & Peter	Michael J. Forker
Elinor Glasser	Michael LaVecchia
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Helen McDowell	Patrick McDonnell
Ian Dowling	Patricia Monetti
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Joan Kranz	Peter McGreevy
J.C.	Robin Graham Denis,
Joann Boccia	Tim Cavooris,
John Boland	Vicki Archdeacon-Gibb,
John Cuccia	Vivien Cordes ,
	Zachary Esposito-Tansey

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

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## *PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR November 16th & 17th, 2019*

Saturday, November 16, 2019 5:00pm	Sunday, November 17, 2019 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, November 17, 2019 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, November 17, 2019 12:00 MASS
Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Patrick Osei-Pku	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Tom Haggerty
		Deacon Ron	

## *Eucharistic Minister Schedule-For November 16th & 17th, 2019*

Saturday, November 16, 2019	Sunday, November 17, 2019	Sunday, November 17, 2019	Sunday, November 17, 2019
<b>5:00PM</b>	<b>8:00 AM MASS</b>	<b>10:00 AM MASS</b>	<b>12:00 NOON MASS</b>
B. Carey	M. Kenney	L. Tepedino	P. Agolia
D. Anderson	P. Martin	J. Alternative	M. Laub
L. Tepedino	V. Portanova	G. Amen	B. Luna
K. Consenz	W. Ramos	D. Bleggi	C. Zito
A. Mantia	C. Czujko	R. Bleggi	G. Zito
G. Alfano	R. Doda, Sr	T. Boboris	M. Peykar
I. Arevalo	M. Dunn	P. Rizzo	P. Roman
R. Byrne	R. Fabian	M. Sehne	B. Chandler
P. Damato	C. Haff	D. Anderson	T. Laiz
D.. Doran	W. Haff	N. Locastro	M. Lebrun

*We kindly ask all scheduled Ministers to arrive in the Prayer Room 15 minutes before mass begins, for prayer  
Thank you*

## *ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE -FOR November 16th & 17th, 2019*

Saturday, November 16, 2019	Sunday, November 17, 2019	Sunday, November 17, 2019	Sunday, November 17, 2019
<b>5:00PM MASS</b>	<b>8:00AM MASS</b>	<b>10:00 AM MASS</b>	<b>12:00 NOON MASS</b>
A. Hughes	B. Keese	C. D'Agostino	C. Tsoumpelis
V. Scarpelli	K. Keese	S. Herin	M. Stephen
B. Tobin	M. Saladino	S. Dearie	S. Stephen
R. Tobin	M. Page	J. Hurlbert	D. Sanchez-Rincon

## *LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR November 16th & 17th, 2019*

Saturday, November 16, 2019	Sunday, November 17, 2019	Sunday, November 17, 2019	Sunday, November 17, 2019
<b>5:00PM MASS</b>	<b>8:00 AM MASS</b>	<b>10:00AM MASS</b>	<b>12:00 NOON MASS</b>
C. Lombardi	P. Kanuika	M. Koke	M. Hoonhout
8th Grade Student	B. Luna	A. Kaiser	B. Tobin



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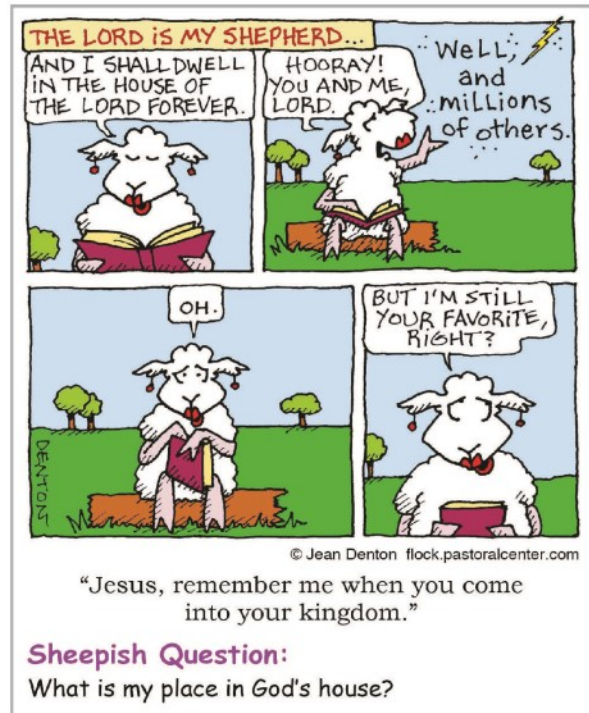
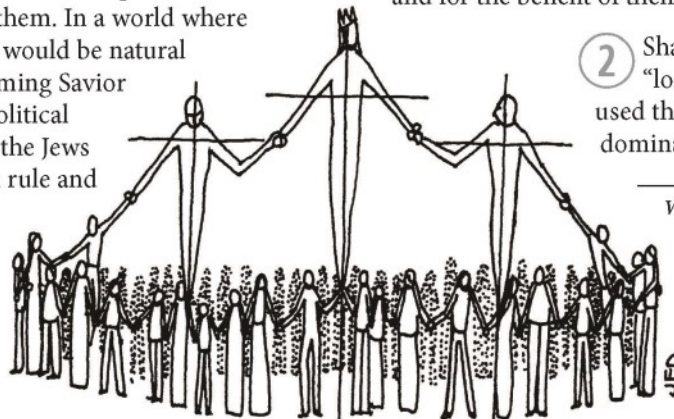
*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ 2 Samuel 5:1-3 - David anointed king
- ▶ Colossians 1:12-20 - Christ is before and above all things
- ▶ Luke 23:35-43 - The crucified king

On this feast day of Christ the King, the first reading tells us of King David's anointing as the king of Israel. He was the one that unified the twelve tribes of Israel and brought them together as a people for the first time. Ever since, he has been upheld as *the* preeminent king in Jewish history.

Many of the misunderstandings about Jesus' identity stem from the fact that he did not fit the description of what the Jews were expecting in a king who was the "son of David." They expected a military warrior who would save them from the oppression of whoever the current ruling empire was. They thought he would usher in an everlasting reign of national peace. They certainly didn't expect a king like Jesus who sided with the poor and the outcast and had no patience for social climbing. They never expected a king who would resist all manner of violence, even to the point of accepting suffering on the cross rather than lashing out in retaliation.

At the heart of the celebration of Christ the King (which always falls on the last Sunday of the year before Advent begins) is an understanding of Jesus as a king who talked and acted very differently from the descendant of David whom the Jews expected. When Jesus walked the earth, Jews were looking forward to a king who would once again unify their country and liberate them from the world powers who historically oppressed them. In a world where "might makes right," it would be natural to presume that the coming Savior would be a powerful political figure who would lead the Jews in throwing off Roman rule and reestablishing national independence. Such a king would naturally enjoy the prestige, wealth, and trappings of a worldly kingdom.



No wonder so many Jews had trouble coming to terms with Jesus' behavior or flatly denied that he was their expected savior. No wonder Jewish rulers, Roman soldiers, and a condemned criminal mocked Jesus as "the King of the Jews" at his crucifixion. Jesus rejected any nationalism that included violence or oppression, and he preached love of enemies instead of the death of enemies. His refusal to play the part of a worldly king went so far that he refused to use his divine powers to save himself from horrific suffering.

## Questions of the Week

- 1 Give examples of worldly rulers in history who used their power and authority appropriately and for the benefit of their people.
- 2 Share examples of rulers who "lorded it over others" and used their power to exploit and dominate people.

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## Faith and Dying

We tend to nurse a certain naiveté about what faith means in the face of death. The common notion among us as Christians is that if someone has a genuine faith she should be able to face death without fear or doubt. The implication then of course is that having fear and doubt when one is dying is an indication of a weak faith. While it's true that many people with a strong faith do face death calmly and without fear, that's not always the case, nor necessarily the norm.

We can begin with Jesus. Surely he had real faith and yet, in the moments just before his death, he called out in both fear and doubt. His cry of anguish, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me", came from a genuine anguish that was not, as we sometimes piously postulate, uttered for divine effect, not really meant, but something for us to hear. Moments before he died, Jesus suffered real fear and real doubt. Where was his faith? Well, that depends upon how we understand faith and the specific modality it can take on in our dying.

In her famous study of the stages of dying, Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, suggests there are five stages we undergo in the dying process: *Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression, Acceptance*. Our first response to receiving a terminal diagnosis is denial – *This is not happening!* Then when we have to accept that it is happening our reaction is anger – *Why me!* Eventually anger gives way to bargaining – *How much time can I still draw out of this?* This is followed by depression and finally, when nothing serves us any longer, there's acceptance – *I'm going to die*. This is all very true.

But in a deeply insightful book, *The Grace in Dying*, Kathleen Dowling Singh, basing her insights upon the experience of sitting at the bedside of many dying people, suggests there are additional stages: *Doubt, Resignation, and Ecstasy*. Those stages help shed light on how Jesus faced his death.

The night before he died, in Gethsemane, Jesus accepted his death, clearly. But that acceptance was not yet full resignation. That only took place the next day on the cross in a final surrender when, as the Gospels put it, *he bowed his head and gave over his spirit*. And, just before that, he experienced an awful fear that what he had always believed in and taught about God was perhaps not so. Maybe the heavens were empty and maybe what we deem as God's promises amount only to wishful thinking.

But, as we know, he didn't give into that doubt, but rather, inside of its darkness, gave himself over in trust. Jesus died in faith – though not in what we often naively believe faith to be. To die in faith does not always mean that we die calmly, without fear and doubt.

For instance, the renowned biblical scholar, Raymond E. Brown, commenting on the fear of death inside the community of the Beloved disciple, writes: "The finality of death and the uncertainties it creates causes trembling among those who have spent their lives professing Christ. Indeed, among the small community of Johannine disciples, it was not unusual for people to confess that doubts had come into their minds as they encountered death. ...The Lazarus story is placed at the end of Jesus' public ministry in John to teach us that when confronted with the visible reality of the grave, all need to hear and embrace the bold message that Jesus proclaimed: 'I am the life.' ... For John, no matter how often we renew our faith, there is the supreme testing by death. Whether the death of a loved one or one's own death, it is the moment when one realizes that it all depends on God. During our lives we have been able to shield ourselves from having to face this in a raw way. Confronted by death, mortality, all defenses fall away."

Sometimes people with a deep faith face death in calm and peace. But sometimes they don't and the fear and doubt that threatens them then is not necessarily a sign of a weak or faltering faith. It can be the opposite, as we see in Jesus. Inside a person of faith, fear and doubt in the face of death is what the mystics call "the dark night of the spirit" ... and this is what's going on inside that experience: The raw fear and doubt we are experiencing at that time make it impossible for us to mistake our own selves and our own life-force for God. When we have to accept to die in trust inside of what seems like absolute negation and can only cry out in anguish to an apparent emptiness then it is no longer possible to confuse God with our own feelings and ego. In that, we experience the ultimate purification of soul. We can have a deep faith and still find ourselves with doubt and fear in the face of death. Just look at Jesus



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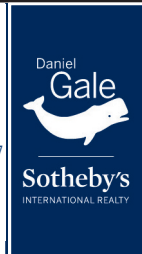
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