



# Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

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

631-584-5454



*“Touch me and See”*

*Luke 24:39*

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

Daily Mass: 7:30am and 9:15 am

Saturday 5pm Sunday: 8am 10 am 12noon

***Parish Center Office Hours:***

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

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

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

*Parish Center Phone ~ 631-584-5454*

*Parish Center Fax~ 631-862-9675*

*Web ~ [www.sspj.org](http://www.sspj.org)*

**Pastoral Team**

Father Tom Haggerty

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Deacon Ken Maher

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Deacon

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Religious Education Coordinator Grades 3-6

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Youth Minister

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Claire DiCarlo, Chris Donnelly, Richard Frazita, Lou Guerra, Kelsey Greco, Cynthia Lombardi, Martin Marut, Ann Mondrone, Mary Ann Pose, Noel Rannazzisi, Tom Sica, Dr. John Primavera

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**SSPJ School—Principal Ruth E. Testa**

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

**Sacraments**

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

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

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

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

**Anointing of the Sick**— In case of serious, unexpected illness, please contact the Parish Center office to arrange for a Priest to pray with the person who is ill. Anointing of the Sick is held on the first Sunday of the month following the 12:00mass please see the Sacristan before mass.

**R.C.I.A**— Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (non-Catholic adults desiring to become Catholic) are asked to contact the Parish Center Office.

**Eucharistic Adoration In The Church**— Thursday 2-4pm Friday 8-9pm

## Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

### ***Touch me and see.***

These words of Jesus we hear in today's gospel are spoken to us just as they were to his original disciples. And, like them, we continue to touch and see Jesus in the people around us - in our families, our neighborhoods, our parish, our workplaces, our schools, and on and on. How well do we notice Jesus? How do we respond?

Those who were present yesterday as Confirmation was celebrated at SSPJ witnessed the presence of Jesus in our Confirmandi. Our young people were blessed with the gifts of the Spirit, and these gifts affect how they live their lives – noticing and responding to the presence of Jesus in others. Many thanks to these young Apostles of Hope, and also to their families, catechists and all who nurtured them along the way.

We also notice and respond to Jesus' presence through our support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Monies raised through CMA touch the lives of many in need in our diocese through direct services, through counseling, through healthcare, through education and more. Many thanks to all who have pledged and contributed to CMA. We are still hoping to reach our parish goal by the end of the Easter season - Pentecost - which this year falls on May 20<sup>th</sup>. I ask you to pray for all assisted by CMA, and also to prayerfully consider making a pledge or one time donation if you have not already done so.

On Easter we were happy to be able to distribute copies of Matthew Kelly's book, Rediscovering Catholicism. Many of us have benefitted from Matthew's reflections during Lent and Advent. And it seems many are benefitting from his thoughts in this book. A good number of people have verbally told me how much they are enjoying this book. Some have put their responses into emails, sharing wonderful reactions. One example:

***Thank you for such a wonderfully powerful, enlightening, & empowering read! Matthew Kelly engages and encapsulates a profound message in his book. I was so inspired that I put together a "vision statement" .....***

Please continue to check the bulletin for the date of the conversation we will facilitate here at the parish in the coming weeks. And if you haven't already done so, start reading!!!

We continue to print letters in the bulletin which share wonderful experiences of SSPJ School. Please take the time to read these tributes and share them with others. Best of all, please come and visit our school which is a wonderful example of spiritual and academic excellence.

And, I really like this old anonymous wisdom:

*Marry not a tennis player. Love means nothing to them.*

*When marriage is outlawed, only outlaws will have in-laws.*

*To heck with marrying a girl who makes biscuits like her mother - I want to marry someone who makes dough like her father.*

Peace,

*Father Tom*

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



## 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- April 15, 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.



COURT ANNA THERESA #1074 STS. PHILIP AND JAMES PARISH

### *The Catholic Daughters will be holding their 2018 Baby Shower*



Which will benefit Regina Residence, on

**Tuesday, April 17, 2018,**

in the Sts. Philip and James Room.

We will begin at 6:45 p.m. with coffee and cake and follow with our regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m.

All women of the Parish are invited to join us and

see what

*The Catholic Daughters are all about.*



The Diocese of Rockville Centre  
**Golden Wedding Liturgy**  
Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years or More

Sunday, April 29, 2018  
2:30 p.m.

Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa

- Please fill in the form below, have it signed by your pastor or someone designated by him and return to the address below.
- Approximately one week before the liturgy, you will be mailed a letter confirming your registration and directions.
- There will be reserved seating for the registered couples only. Family and friends will be seated on a first come-first served basis.
- After the liturgy, there will be an opportunity to have a photo taken with the celebrating bishop if you wish.
- You will be mailed a complimentary photo and certificate approximately four to six weeks after the liturgy.

Please mail completed form to : Diocese of Rockville Centre  
Office of Worship  
PO Box 9023  
Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023

Registration must be received by April 13, 2018.  
For questions, please call 516-678-5800, ext. 504.

(cut here and return form below)

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name First Name Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Address

Wedding Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
mm/dd/yy Area code + Number

We will attend the Golden Wedding Celebration on:

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, April 29 at St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa

I wish to Lector \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

In order to seat those who require special assistance accordingly, please let us know if you or your spouse use a: wheelchair \_\_\_\_\_ cane \_\_\_\_\_ walker \_\_\_\_\_

Current Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Current Pastor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

This Weekend: April 14th & 15th, 2018  
Second Collection:



For Building Maintenance, your generosity  
is greatly appreciated.

Thank you



## *Circle of Women Welcomes Spring*

*The new life, the new growth that  
is planted within...*

*Gathering together on,*

*Monday, April 16, 2018*

*At 7pm*

*In the Church*

*All women, all Moms, all sisters, daughters,  
friends and new friends are welcome*

*Every tulip reaches up toward the sun...*

## SSPJ School Its an Awesome Place! Here's Why...

"Why are you sending her to Catholic School? We have good schools here". It's a question I hear pretty regularly from my family and friends, and I know they mean well when they ask, because they are right, the public schools are good, and as a single parent, they tell me, "why would you put any additional stress on yourself, life is hard enough". The truth is, our actions and choices become our habits and our habits determine our character and our character determines who we will be, our destiny.

I chose to send my child to SSPJ because we want more than a school setting with good academics. At SSPJ the focus is not only on excellence in academics, but also on her development spiritually, morally, intellectually and ethically. Our children spend at least one third of each day at school, and a large portion of their waking hours, every week. For those of us who work full time, our children probably spend even more time at school, in before and after care, and as they get older, in extracurricular activities too.

Why SSPJ? Because of how I felt when I walked through the doors of my first open house at SSPJ. I met the teachers, the staff, the parents other families and experienced the love, strength, and preservation of values and beliefs that are vital in the development of character. When I first started attending mass at SSPJ, in 2013, my daughter, was about 2 years old. We tried several different parishes in our area, before we found SSPJ. Every week, one of the Priests or Deacons would reach out to my daughter, bless her, talk with her, make her smile, and I knew that this was the church that I wanted to call our parish, our home. There was no doubt in my mind, that when the time came, that I would do everything within my power to send my daughter to Catholic school.

Today my daughter is 7 years old and in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade at SSPJ, she started at SSPJ in September, 2015 in the Pre K program. Each year has been more amazing than the last. The staff are some of the most amazing people I have ever met, who continue to exceed our expectations. She has benefited so very much from the extraordinary environment at SSPJ School and Church. She has grown so much both, academically and spiritually. She enjoys attending mass each week with her class, and the school at their special celebrations throughout the year, the lessons they receive are priceless. She also loves when Father Tom and Father Patrick come to their classroom and spend time with the children, reading a story to them, and talking with them. Her reading, writing and language skills are progressing magnificently, as well as her affinity for math and her favorite subject - Science. She has been studying Mandarin, Spanish and Sign Language for 3 years. She proudly knows and recites her prayers, before meals, at bedtime, and when we are praying the rosary. She is learning that there is something greater than her, that she can always count on and rely on, no matter what is happening in her life.

She is also learning the importance of serving others, and the tremendous benefits it has on her own growth and that of her community. We love the after school clubs at SSPJ, she has been a member of the Sign Language Club and the Cheer Club for the past 3 years, and also enjoys other clubs, such as the Mad Science Fun Club and Story Hour. She looks forward to being able to get involved with other clubs, such as chorus, drama and dance and kick line. We have been blessed with so many wonderful friends at SSPJ, all of whom continually welcome my daughter and myself into their lives, their hearts and their continued prayers. We are so grateful for our Pastor, Father Tom and his continued support of our parish and our school. He is truly the hand of God, and always models Jesus in his teaching, he truly "walks the walk. Thank you to all of the Staff and Volunteers at SSPJ!

*Kelly McGovern~SSPJ School Parent*



I am the mother of two children at SSPJ School. Madeline is in fourth grade and Tessa is in third grade. I, along with my sister and two brothers, are also SSPJ alumni. Most people who read that might think I was automatically biased toward SSPJ and a Catholic school education for my children as a result of this, but they would be mistaken. My husband and I sent our oldest daughter to public school in kindergarten. We live in a great school district and I had to admit, it made sense, especially from a financial standpoint. Early in my daughter's first year of school; however, I felt deep inside that something was missing. I couldn't put my finger on it and I still didn't immediately know that SSPJ School was the answer I was looking for until I attended their open house that January. There was an immediate sense of warmth, love and community, as if I had come home, and I wanted my children to be part of that community too. My daughters currently have several classmates whose parents also attended SSPJ with me and with my siblings, and there are several other children of alumni throughout the school. We are a loyal and loving community.

At SSPJ, not only do our children receive an unparalleled academic education, but they are also taught to live their Catholic faith every day and to walk with God. They're proud of their school and they're proud of their faith. They sing hymns at home. They tell us about discussions from their religion classes and what thoughts and ideas they contributed during class. We hear about random acts of kindness – so many of them every day. Is everything sunshine and rainbows all the time? Of course not. Our children experience the trials and tribulations that all school children face. Sometimes kids argue, sometimes they're mean to each other. But there is something else I've seen in my children and their peers at SSPJ when they're faced with such conflicts. They have such strong moral character and they show empathy, compassion and forgiveness for others because they are taught every day about the compassion and love of Jesus. When we choose where we want to send our kids to school, it should not just be about what we hope and expect for them to achieve academically, but also about the people we want our children to become. My husband and I are proud of our daughters every day for their achievements, but we are even more proud of who they are as people.

*Christine Bennett~SSPJ School Parent*

## Religious Education News for the Week of April 15th, 2018



*The Sacrament of Confirmation was held on  
Saturday, April 14th, 2018  
At Sts. Philip & James  
Please pray for our Candidates, their Sponsors and their  
Families as they continue to walk the awesome and powerful  
journey of Apostles of Hope*

And Here are some "Reflections" from our terrific Religious Education Students!.....

Reflection Question: "How can you be a witness of Jesus? (7th & 8th Grade Reflection)

Response: "Before I do something I have trouble with, I think: "What would Jesus do?"

Reflection Question: "What are kinds of ways that something can be "saved" (7th & 8th Grade Reflection)

Response: "You can save yourself from people that are harmful to you. Put a pretend shield around you. That shield is the Holy Spirit which protects you (us) from harm."

Reflection Question: "Have you ever prayed to God to help you in a hard situation? What was it like?" (2nd Grade Reflection)

Response: "Yes, I prayed to God when I lost my teachers book. I said Hail Mary."



## Music Ministry

*The children and Chords of Faith are singing a lively hymn this Saturday night. Easter Alleluia. They have fun singing their praise to God. Listen to the words it tells of Jesus and his rising from the dead.*

*Clap along!!*

*The Adults have the weekend off. The Youth group is on. We are lucky to have a variety of musical groups that have different styles of music. The youth group features more Praise and Worship Music and they sing a more contemporary version of the Mass parts. How exciting it is to be exposed to different types of music. We can pray and sing with them too.*

*It doesn't matter the group the message is still the same.  
"Sing your praise to God"*



\$119,700.00



Pledges  
at  
4/10/2018  
\$96,165



Dear Friends:

Thank you for your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. The Catholic Ministries Appeal offers us a unique opportunity to be the Hands of Christ's Mercy and His instrument of *Dramatic Missionary Growth* on Long Island and beyond, as it supports so many good works we accomplish together as Church.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal supports works of evangelization and ministries that provide spiritual, educational and charitable assistance to hundreds of thousands of men, women and children across our Diocese. So much of the vital work of our Church would not be possible if not for your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis said: "...Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of His love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy." The Catholic Ministries Appeal is a critical part of that calling, making it possible for Christ's mercy to reach throughout our entire Diocese.

We see it in the smiles and laughter from our seniors at our community centers who, maybe for the first time in a long time, are socializing and sharing a hot meal with others. We see it the faces of those who, because of Catholic Charities, have long term sobriety and are reunited with their families. We see it in the joy of a seminarian as he completes his studies, and is ordained to the priesthood, and we see it in the excitement of a college student, away from home for the first time, finding faith-filled friends through a Catholic Campus Ministry program.

Through your prayerful consideration and reflection, I invite you to once again take part in the work of our Church by making a sacrificial gift to the 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Together we can continue to be agents of Jesus' mercy.

Thank you for your love for the mission of the Church. I will be keeping you and your family daily in my Masses and prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

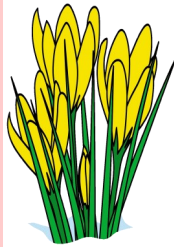
# Parish Social Ministry



If you are fluent in any foreign language, please call the Parish Social Ministry Office at 631-584-5454.

We are doing a project for Pentecost and could use your help!

Thank you!



The hands of compassionate Apostles of Hope are needed locally:

Helping hands to do food shopping for an elderly person once every two weeks  
and

A "friendly visitor" to share time with a Parishioner who resides in the Fairfield community.

If you are interested in lending a helping hand, kindly contact Lynn Sisti-Parish Social Ministry Coordinator at 631-584-5454

Many thanks for your kindness and consideration.

## SSPJ 2018 Parish Project: Help Father Patrick "Raise the Roof"



Since Father Patrick left Ghana in 2014, work continues...it is our hope to assist in the effort of placing a roof to shelter all the faithful that gather in his name.



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

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



## Displaced Homemaker Program

in conjunction with the

Suffolk County One-Stop Employment Center

725 Veterans Memorial Highway

Hauppauge, New York

Call - (631) 853-6540

Suffolk County residents who are widowed, divorced, separated and unemployed or underemployed and are struggling to make ends meet.

*Prepare today to enter the workforce of tomorrow!  
Move toward personal and economic self-sufficiency!  
Discover opportunities that could change your life!*

Services are available at no cost to our customers

Counseling and Resource Referrals - Individual assessment and career counseling services.

Career Preparation - Workshops in Choices Exploration, Resume & Cover Letter Preparation, Interviewing Techniques, Salary Negotiations, Internet Job Search Techniques, Transferable Skills, Employability Skills for the Workplace, Networking and Social Media.

Computer Classes & Tutorials - Onsite classes and Tutorials in Microsoft Office applications.

Vocational Education Classroom Training - Subject to funding availability and program regulations.

Career Quests - Opportunities to find your personal career direction by meeting and speaking to industry leaders.

Job Fairs/On-Site Recruitments - Meet company representative who attend our events seeking to hire new staff.

Career Couture - Onsite boutique offering individuals appropriate interview and new job attire without charge.

Access - computers/internet, job listings, phones, faxes and copiers



Steve Bellone, Suffolk County Executive  
Frank Nardelli, Commissioner of Labor, Licensing & Consumer Affairs James DiLiberto, Workforce Investment Board Chair  
Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities



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# SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of April 15th, 2018

## Sunday, April 15th, 2018

8:00am	SSPJ School Guild Dine Around Ticket Sale	School Lobby
8:30am	RCIA	SSPJ Room
10:00am	Children's Liturgy	School Multi-purpose Rm
11:00am	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Wksp
11:15am	Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang	Auditorium
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room

## Monday, April 16th, 2018

7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting	Auditorium
7:00pm	Circle of Women	Church

## Tuesday, April 17th, 2018:

1:30pm	Spirit of Love Prayer Group	Prayer Room Church
7:00pm	Catholic Daughters Meeting	Philip & James Rm
7:30pm	Chords of Faith Rehearsal	Choir Loft
8:00pm	Boy Scout Leadership Meeting	Monte Building

## Wednesday, April 18th, 2018:

7:00pm	Youth Ministry	Auditorium
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## Thursday, April 19th, 2018:

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

## Friday, April 20th, 2018:

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

## Saturday, April 21st, 2018:

5:00pm	Guild "Dine Around" Ticket Sale	School Lobby
7:00pm	School Play	Auditorium

### Weekly Collection:

Sunday April 8, 2018



Sunday Collection: \$13,477.  
Faith Direct: \$3,823  
Children's Jug: \$35.

**Total Collection: \$17,835.**

## Our Bread & Wine

For the week of  
April 15, 2018

Are being offered

In Loving Memory of

Philip L. VanGostein

From Your Loving Family



A morning prayer

### The work of infinite patience

*This world  
is not the accomplishment  
of a moment of your time, Lord,  
that we can see clearly.  
Those rugged cliffs,  
thrust from the depths of the sea,  
filled with the evidence of the past,  
were not created in the blinking of an  
eye.  
The diamond's hardness,  
did not come suddenly.  
This is the work of an infinite patience,  
the creation of something  
of which its creator could be pleased.  
And now Lord, this infinite patience,  
this creative love is directed towards  
us,  
formed as we are from the very  
elements  
of the world in which we live.  
Your creative Spirit still at work,  
tireless, ceaseless,  
endlessly creating in our hearts the  
image of your likeness.*

*The only difference being,  
the diamond had no choice  
in whether it would be transformed  
into such beauty*

From John Birch, [FaithAndWorship.com](http://FaithAndWorship.com)



## The Effects of Drugs of Abuse on the Teen Brain

In an effort to inform and educate students and parents regarding the increasing problems of drug usage and addiction, Sts. Philip and James School will host a drug awareness presentation – “*The Effects of Drugs of Abuse on the Teen Brain*” on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Our presenter for the evening will be Dr. Stephen Dewey. Dr. Dewey will explain how alcohol and drug use affects the developing adolescent and adult brain. Dr. Dewey has spoken to thousands of school-aged children, parents, teachers, administrators, and counselors.

Please fill out the form below and return to the School Office or email the School at [cewald5633@sspjschool.net](mailto:cewald5633@sspjschool.net) by Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> to reserve seats.

Thank you.

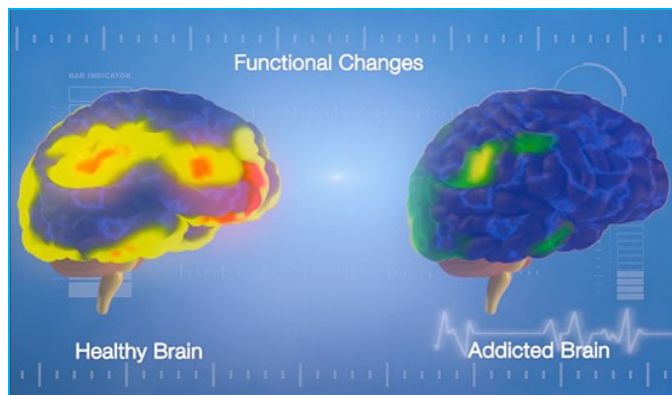
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Drug Awareness Presentation – Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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

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

Number of attendees: \_\_\_\_\_



# Mass Intentions, For the week of April 15th, 2018

## Saturday, April 14th, 2018

8:00pm Catherine O'Loughlin

## Sunday, April 15th, 2018

8:00am For the Parishioners of SSPJ

10:00am Margaret Castiglie

12:00 Noon Collective Mass:  
Joseph Caltabiano  
Beverly Ciralli  
Philip Ruggiero  
Edward Corvi  
Sally Washburn  
Gerard Dundon

## Monday, April 16th, 2018~

7:30am Vincent Priebe

9:15am Alice A. Skinner

## Tuesday, April 17th, 2018

7:30am Alfred & Anna Droege

9:15am Robert Thompson

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

Anna Capizzio	Joseph Perconti
Angela Amoroso	Joe Alberigo
Angela Boccio McComb	John Capizzio
AnnMarie M.	John Hernandez
Baby Mattia Lubrano	Julianne
Betty Schmidt	Kathleen N.
Brett Dowling	Kitty Cronin,
Brennan Steinhorth	Kylie Quigley
Bryan Van Colt	Laura Andrucki & family
Carole Hennessy	Linda Sue
Carol Walz	Louis Giordano
Catherine Burseind	Marie DelCiello,
Christel DeBlasio	Marie Fabry
Christopher Tallarico	Marie Loughlin
Daisy Abruzzo	Mary McDonough
David Shankles	Michael LaVecchia
Dawn Kopel	Nancy Fornabia
Dylan Lauro	Pasquale Santoro
Eileen Zink	Patricia Casey
Elinor Glasser	Patricia Fontana
Faith VanGostein	Patricia Monetti
Florence Donahue	Robin Graham Denis
Ginny McAuley	Raymond Fox
Greg	Rosemary Morgan
Helen McDowell	Sean Winters
Hillary Boehme	Suzanne McCue
James Gietzen	Terence Hobbes
Jeanine Esposito Tansey	Teresa Orlik
Josette Perconti	Vivien Cordes

## Wednesday, April 18th, 2018

7:30am Michelina Martino

9:15am Nicolina Santucci

## Thursday, April 19th, 2018

7:30am Theresa A. Byrne

9:15am Collective Mass:  
Rosemarie Cincota

## Friday, April 20th, 2018

7:30am Terry Byrne

9:15am Virginia Marino

## Saturday, April 21st, 2018

9:15am Joan Kennedy

5:00pm Mary Garguilo

## Sunday, April 22nd, 2018

8:00am For the Parishioners of SSPJ

10:00am David McCulloch

12:00 Noon Collective Mass:  
Thomas F. Collins  
Matthew Nohe  
Thomas Matteo  
Gerard Williams  
George E. Williams

## *We Pray for those Who Serve*




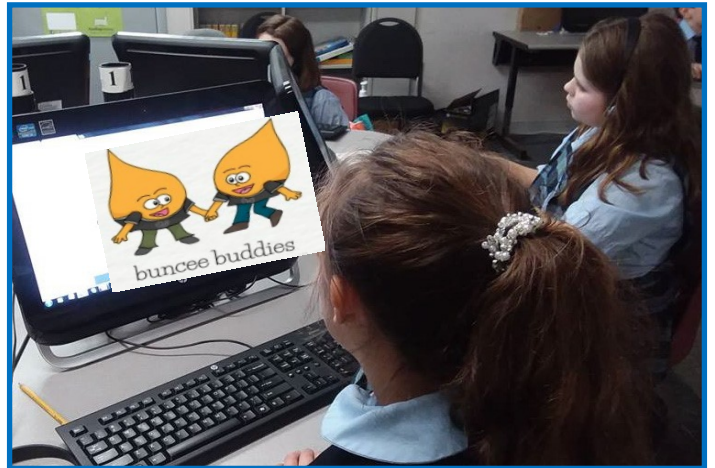
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*Safely Home... We Remember,*


*Faith Always brings us home...*

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# SSPJ School News



**Buncee & #Booksnap**  
ENGAGING STUDENT READERS & WRITERS



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Fourth grade is working on a new project in Technology Class. Last week our entire fourth grade completed their Hour of Code course and received their certificates. This week, they are designing a timeline of their life (and future) using Buncee.

*Buncee is a creation and presentation tool for students to create interactive projects. It allows learners of all ages to visualize concepts and communicate creatively!!!*



*Second graders watched a tree blossom as they did good deeds for Lent*

**STS. PHILIP & JAMES CYO TRACK & FIELD TEAM** Registration is OPEN for the SSPJ CYO Track & Field Team.

All boys & girls in grades 1-8 are invited to join. You do not need to be a member of the school or the parish in order to become a member.

Please visit our website [www.sspjtrack.com](http://www.sspjtrack.com) for information about the 2018 season as well as registration forms and fees. Any questions/comments please contact:

MaryBeth Dearie: (631) 675-6072 [info@sspjtrack.com](mailto:info@sspjtrack.com)

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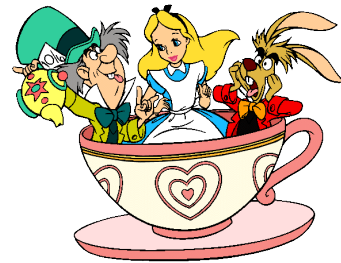
Tickets

Adults \$10.00

Children (12 and under) \$5.00

Friday: April 20th @ 7:00  
pm #Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ #Children \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday: April 21st @ 7:00  
pm #Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ #Children \_\_\_\_\_



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THE ANTHONY J. WEIDNER PARISH SERVICE AWARD  
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SATURDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> 6:00PM – 10:00PM

**SSPJ CHURCH AUDITORIUM**

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Questions Contact: Lisa Stephen at [schoolguild@sspjschool.net](mailto:schoolguild@sspjschool.net)





## Sts. Philip and James

### Dine Around

Monday, April 30th

SSPJ Auditorium

7:00 pm

\$35.00 per person

This is an event you won't  
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Come dine with friends and enjoy a sampling of what  
our local restaurants have to offer,  
as well as live music, beer and wine!!

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Checks payable to SSPJ School Guild

Tickets available via mail, at the rectory or the school lobby.



*Save the Date!*  
*SSPJ School Gala*  
*Saturday, May 19, 2018*





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# ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018

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

**This Year's Honoree:**  
**Mike Tully**

Registration: 8:30 am  
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**Breakfast Sponsored By:**  
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# Celebrating the Liturgy- With Grateful Hearts We Serve

## *PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR April 21st & 22nd, 2018*

Saturday, April 21, 2018 5:00 PM	Sunday, April 22, 2018 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, April 22, 2018 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, April 22, 2018 12:00 MASS
Father Tom Haggerty	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Patrick Osei-Poku
Deacon Ron			

## *EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE-FOR April 21st & 22nd, 2018*

Saturday, April 21, 2018 5:00 PM	Sunday, April 22, 2018 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, April 22, 2018 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, April 22, 2018 12:00 NOON MASS
A. Keenan	P. Kanuika	C. Lombardi	E. Law
R. Byrne	R. Doda, Sr.	H. Orlando	M. Peykar
P. Damato	M. Dunn	P. Schfilliti	P. Roman
D. Doran	R. Fabian	J. Alternative	C. Rubano
J. Duffy	C. Haff	G. Amen	V. Rubano
A. Dunn	W. Haff	D. Bleggi	C. Zito
D. Earl	G. Beisel	R. Bleggi	G. Zito
M. Fox	L. Beisel	T. Boboris	P. Agoglia
E. Kaleita, Jr.	K. Consenz	T. Cafaro	M. Laub
P. Kaleita	J. Giacalone	M. Dolce	E. Sotomayer

## *ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE-FOR April 21st & 22nd, 2018*

Saturday, April 21, 2018 5:00PM MASS	Sunday, April 22, 2018 8:00AM MASS	Sunday, April 22, 2018 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, April 22, 2018 12:00 NOON MASS
C. Nigro	K. Illari	S. Cheeseman	P. Mazzola
S. Nigro	T. Illari	K. Tomasic	G. Lombardi
M. Page	E. Nicastro	M. Tomasic	J. Lombardi
S. Page	K. Nicastro	O. Jacobs	S. Glen
R. Green	M. Russo	E. Anderson	G. Vitale

## *LECTOR SCHEDULE-FOR April 21st & 22nd, 2018*

Saturday, April 21, 2018 5:00PM MASS	Sunday, April 22, 2018 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, April 22, 2018 10:00AM MASS	Sunday, April 22, 2018 12:00 NOON MASS
M. Drechsler	M. Sehne	A. Dinnegan	E. Wittish
L. Halluska	S. Cavooris	M. Riley	M. Hoonhout

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OPEN HOUSE - Sunday, April 22 - 11:30am to 1:30 pm

## Getting Ready for Next Sunday

April 22nd— Fourth Sunday of Easter— 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](http://www.usccb.org) . Click on the date.

### Reflections on Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

*Acts 4:8-12*  
*1 John 3:1-2*

*Psalm 118*  
*John 10:11-18*

Every day we hear of personal happiness and tragedy, of great feats and failures. Our tendency is to accept all of these without reflecting on their meaning, without understanding their significance. Today's readings are a study in understanding. They challenge us to not only tabulate the facts but to uncover the meaning of those facts. Believers are people who look to the deeper dimensions of life.

The scene in Acts has Peter addressing the highest Jewish authority, the Sanhedrin. The passage moves immediately beyond observation of physical facts to understanding. The cure of the sick man is a fact, the key issue is the meaning of that cure. Restoration of health is secondary to the salvation realized. The sick man enjoys good health because the Jesus who was rejected has been raised by God.

Psalm 118 is a psalm of thanksgiving for the king's miraculous escape from seemingly unbeatable enemies. The psalmist tells us that when the people see this radical turn of events they must understand it as God's doing.

The gospel atmosphere is charged with conflict. The author contrasts Jesus with Israel's leaders. Jesus, the ideal shepherd, does not hesitate to lay down his life for the sheep. It is the self-giving of Jesus that is at the heart of the Gentile mission.

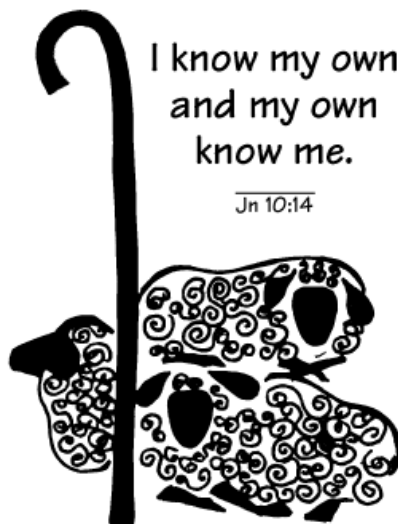
The modern believer must react to the evil in society. Exploitation, oppression, and abuse of power are not accidents of nature. Believers must interpret that the power of Jesus' dying and rising has yet to penetrate these situations. Believers see this and take action.

By the same token, the believer reacts to the good in society. We affirm and applaud those who stand for truth, justice, and charity. Human gifts are held in high regard, especially when shared with all God's people.

- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.  
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I know my own  
and my own  
know me.

Jn 10:14



### For reflection...

*In terms of your life, your family, your work, your faith, would you describe yourself as more a hired hand or a good shepherd? What helps you to become more a good shepherd?*

*Jesus said, "I know mine and mine know me." How does knowing a person or people affect your giving of yourself?*

*In whom do you recognize Jesus today? What are these people doing?*

*What helps you to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd?*

*In the first reading, Peter stated that he healed in the name of Jesus Christ. Has Jesus used you to be a messenger of healing? How? How does that affect you?*

*God is always present, hovering over us like a mother hen. Why does God not just jump right in and save us from all the messes we get into?*

## REASONS TO BELIEVE IN GOD

Today belief in God is often seen as a naiveté. For many, believing in God is like believing in Santa and the Easter Bunny, nice, something for the kids, a warm nostalgia or a bitter memory, but not something that's real, that stands up to hard scrutiny and indeed stands up to the dark doubts that sometimes linger below the surface of our faith. Where's there evidence that God exists?

A true apologetics, I believe, needs at a point to be personal. So here are my own reasons why I continue to believe in God in the face of the agnosticism of our overly-adult world and despite the dark nights that sometimes beset me.

First, I believe in God because I sense, at the deepest level of my being, that there's an inalienable moral structure to things. Life, love, and meaning are morally-contoured. There's an inalienable "law of karma" that's experienced everywhere and in everything: good behavior is its own happiness, just as bad behavior is its own sorrow. Different religions word it differently but the concept is at the heart of all religion and is in essence the very definition of morality: ***The measure you measure out will be the measure that's measured back to you.*** That's Jesus' version of it, and can be translated this way: ***The air you breathe out is the air you will re-inhale.*** Simply put: If we cut down too many trees we will soon be breathing in carbon monoxide. If we breathe out love, we will meet love. If we breathe out hate and anger we will soon enough find ourselves surrounded by hated and anger. Reality is so structured that goodness brings goodness and sin brings sin.

I believe in God because blind chaos could not have designed things this way, to be innately moral. Only an intelligent Goodness could have built reality this way.

My next reason for believing in God is the existence of soul, intelligence, love, altruism, and art. These could not have emerged simply from blind chaos, from billions and billions of cosmic bingo chips coming out of nothing, with no intelligent loving force behind them, endlessly churning through billions of years. Random chaos, empty of all intelligence and love from its origins, could not have eventually produced soul and all that's highest inside it: intelligence, love, altruism, spirituality, and art. Can our own hearts and all that's noble and precious within them really be just the result of billions of fluke chances colliding within a brute, mindless process?

I believe in God because if our hearts are real then so is God.

Next, I believe in God because the Gospel works – if we work it. What Jesus incarnated and taught ultimately resonates with what's most precious, most noble, and most meaningful inside of life and inside each of us. Moreover, this checks out in life. Whenever I have the faith and courage to actually live out the Gospel, to roll the dice on its truth, it always proves to be true, the loaves multiply and feed the thousands and David defeats Goliath. But it doesn't work unless I risk it. The Gospel works, if we work it.

The objection could be raised here, of course, that many sincere, faith-filled people risk their lives and truth on the Gospel and, from all appearances in this world, it doesn't work for them. They end up poor, as victims, on the losing side of things. But again, that's a judgment we make from the standards of this world, from the Gospel of Prosperity where whoever has the most worldly success wins. The Gospel of Jesus undercuts this. Anyone who lives it out as faithfully as he or she is able, will be blessed with something beyond worldly success, namely, the deeper joy of a life well-lived, a joy which Jesus assures us is deeper, less ephemeral, and more lasting than any other joy.

I believe in God because the Gospel works! As does prayer!

Finally, though certainly not least, I believe in God because of the community of faith that stretches back to the beginning of time, that stretches back to the life and resurrection of Jesus, and that baptized me into the faith. Throughout all of history virtually all human communities have been also communities of faith, of belief in God, of worship, and of sacred ritual and sacrament.

I believe in God because of the existence of families of faith and the existence of church and sacrament.

I wrote my doctoral thesis on the classical proofs for the existence of God, arguments for God's existence taken from some of the great intellectuals in history: Anselm, Thomas Aquinas, Descartes, Leibnitz, Spinoza, and Alfred North Whitehead. I rambled through nearly 500 hundred pages of articulating and evaluating these proofs and then ended with this conclusion.

We don't come to believe in God because of the compelling power of some mathematical equation or logical syllogism. God's existence becomes real to us when we live an honest, sincere life.