



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

631-584-5454

Pentecost Sunday

May 20, 2018



"Receive the Holy Spirit"

John 20:22

"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

Pastoral Team

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

Pastoral Council

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

Trustees

Jerry Linder ~ Tina Cafaro

SSPJ School—Principal Ruth E. Testa

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

Sacraments

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

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

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

Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

Pentecost - the feast often referred to as the birthday of the church. But what is the church? There have been many descriptions and models of church put forth over the centuries as the "church" evolved. The word church traces back to the Greek word "ekklesia", translating the Hebrew word "kahal". These were the community of believers. The early Christian communities understood themselves to be church both locally and universally. There is no individualistic Christianity in the early church. Life in Christ is found within the community of believers joined to the Lord.

So, the community of believers existed, and the feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, empowered the community. The outpouring of the gifts of the Spirit was evident as the community was transformed. The feast of Pentecost, the empowering of the community with the gifts of the Spirit, continues today.

How do we understand "community"? Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM, describes community as a network of relationships. He says,

Living in community means living in such a way that others can access me and influence my life and that I can get "out of myself" and serve the lives of others. Community is a world where brotherliness and sisterliness are possible.

Yet, he goes on to say,

On the whole, we live in a society that's built not on community and cooperation but on individuality, greed, and competition—often resulting in oppressive economic systems, unnecessary suffering, and environmental devastation.

But, the good news is that as community, we can foster change – as a community. This was the mission of the early church and it is our mission today. Fr. Rohr continues,

Building such communities in contrast to the surrounding society of emperor-worship was precisely Paul's missionary strategy. Small communities of Jesus' followers would make the message believable: Jesus is Lord (rather than Caesar is Lord); sharing abundance and living in simplicity (rather than hoarding wealth); nonviolence and suffering (rather than aligning with power). Paul was not just a mystic, but also very practical....

The individual is largely helpless and harmless standing against the system of disguise and illusion. Thankfully, we're seeing many people, religious and secular, from all around the world, coming together to form alternative communities for sharing resources, living simply, and imagining a sustainable and nonviolent future. It is hard to imagine there will be a future without them.

Pentecost empowers and energizes us to be a community built on a "network of relationships" if only we respond to the Spirit's generous outpouring of gifts. We can be a community that shares rather than hoards, a community that strives for non-violence and equity, that works for the common good. With the help of the Spirit, we can live out the words of St. Paul, "Overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:21)

I would like to introduce those who have not as yet had the privilege of meeting our new SSPJ School principal, Ms. Diane Anderson, in person, to begin by meeting her through today's bulletin. I am delighted to welcome her to her new role and am excited about the hopes, dreams and plans for the future of SSPJ School.

I ask you to join me in thanking and celebrating our retiring Religious Education Administrator, Suzanne Fitzgibbon, who has delighted and graced us with her sense of humor and even more her sensitive and giving heart over the past 12 years. It was a tough decision for her to make and an even harder one for us to accept. We wish her every blessing as her journey continues.

I am very grateful and happy to announce that Mrs. Cathy Darrow, a long time parishioner, Vice Regent of the Catholic Daughters and one who has volunteered and also worked part time in the Religious Education Office will assume the position of Religious Education Administrator. Cathy brings not only generosity, competence and compassion to the position but also an awareness of its strengths and weaknesses with a firm resolve to strengthen the strengths and to work with the rest of the Religious Ed. Team to lessen any weaknesses and to involve many new parishioners into this vital ministry

Next week I will be on a silent retreat at the Jesuit retreat house in Gloucester, MA. you will be in my prayers. Please remember me in yours. Father Kevin Cronin and Father Jack Moore will be filling in for me.

Peace,

Father Tom

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

The Good News of Sts. Philip & James School



Enrolling Now

We Extend a Welcome and a Welcome Back to all!
Fees waived for all returning SSPJ Students

Enrolling for the 2018- 2019 School Year!

SSPJ School Pre-K -5th grade & SSPJ Academy 6th - 8th grade

*The best gift you can give a child is a Catholic Education.
It is a gift that will last a lifetime.*

Sts. Philip & James School offers:

High Academic Standards

Strong Faith Formation

Community Support

Character development in a safe and welcoming environment

Personal and individualized attention

Strong focus on providing leadership and service to others

And, SO MUCH MORE

You are welcome to stop in and visit!

View the SSPJ Website and Facebook Page to see all that we have to offer.

Kindly Contact , Mrs. Ruth Testa, School Principal

For additional information

Or, to setup a tour/class visit,

Please call: 631-584-7896

Welcome, Diane Anderson~SSPJ School's New Principal

When you wake up every day and look forward to going to work you know you are in a good place. My name is Diane Anderson and I have been the Pre-K teacher at SSPJ for the past 8 years. Like so many other Catholic School teachers, I have been asked numerous times... "Why don't you teach in a Public School???" Your salary would double!" My reply has always been, "This is what I have been called to do!" Not only have I been able to live and grow in my faith, but I also get to share it with others, EVERYDAY! This is something you just can't put a price tag on!



As a child, when I was asked, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" I would always reply, A MOMMY". Not only have I been blessed with two of my own children, I have also been blessed with so many others, in fact too many to count! How is that possible? SSPJ is not only my place of employment, it is my FAMILY. The faculty, staff, parents, and students all have a special place in my heart.

I can't even imagine, not being able to say, "Let's keep them in our prayers" when a classmate is absent. Or, "Is that a good choice? Would Jesus say that to a friend?" The list goes on and on. What is also unbelievable is the joy and happiness I receive when I hear my students say, "What a beautiful day God created!", "Can we pray for my cat? he's sick!", "Jesus always loves us, even when we make mistakes."

So whether I am being thanked for helping out in morning care/aftercare, sign language, chorus, drama, or cheer club, working with students in the gesture group, and the many other wonderful activities we have here at SSPJ, I just smile and say to myself, THANK you God for SSPJ! It is truly an honor and privilege to work at such a wonderful school.

I am beyond thrilled and blessed to continue to grow in my faith and advance in my educational career as the new Principal of SSPJ School. I believe I have the necessary qualities and skills needed to successfully lead our school in a positive direction, increasing enrollment and meeting the ever changing challenge of improving student learning.

I am eager to work with Fr. Tom and the rectory staff to build a sense of unity between the school and parish. I am excited about our Academy and the talks of possibly starting a new Early Childhood Academy. I look forward to promoting and working with the new summer camp program. I am thrilled that I will be a part of advancing in STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math); but I am privileged to say that I will be promoting STREAM! (science, technology, RELIGION, engineering, art, math). Lastly, I am humbly honored to continue serving the Lord and all the SSPJ students, parents, faculty and staff. With God all things are possible!

I had been anxiously awaiting the selection of the next principal at Sts. Philip and James School since Ruth Testa announced her retirement in June of this year. I spoke with Father Tom about my concerns and he shared the names of the persons on the search committee. I was most impressed and decided to place the matter under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

When I heard that Diane Anderson was the choice for Principal I was absolutely delighted and relieved. Our school is in good hands. This young woman made her choice to teach in Catholic School because of her strong commitment to her faith and desire to bring Jesus into the everyday lives of children. She believes in fostering Catholic School education for all God's children and the importance of these schools in the life of the Church. She is well equipped and prepared to move our school forward into the future. Her sacrifices and achievements are many and well known in our school community.

Now, it is time for her to use her gifts and abilities to lead her faculty, students and families in the tradition of excellence set by those who went before her. God bless you Diane. May the Holy Spirit be your guide and mentor. God bless Sts. Philip and James School.

Mary B. Monte ~ SSPJ Retired School Principal

As one of the members on the search committee for the next principal at Saints Philip and James School, I am very excited as we welcome Ms. Diane Anderson to assume this new role. Throughout the process, Ms. Anderson shared with us her genuine enthusiasm, passion, and dedication to our students, school, parish and community. I sincerely look forward to her visionary leadership and future work with regard to enriching the lives of our students in the Catholic faith, academic excellence, and strong character development.

~ Tania Willman

Sts. Philip and James school parent, school board member, and church parishioner



Women's Voices

Awakening the Spirit Within

(Formally, The Circle of Women)

Will Gather Together

On

Monday, May 21, 2018

At 7pm in the Saints Philip & James Room

“In Our Mother's Hands”

~Nurturing your soul...

~Finding God in your story...

~Journaling, “A love letter to Jesus”

~Embracing moments of Grace

*To All the Women of Our Parish, kindly join us
as we embark upon the journey of our stories...*

*Please invite that “woman's voice”, a friend, a sister, a mother, a
mentor, who has been the strength, the inspiration, the voice of
faith as you walk the steps of your journey... giving yourselves
the gift of time to be nourished,
to uncover, your moments of Grace.*

Margaret W. Tarrant

The Hands that Make a Difference are the Hands that Volunteer...

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY

THE SSPJ PASTORAL TEAM WISH TO SAY “THANK YOU!”

Honoring our “Apostles of Hope” who serve all Parish Ministries

You and a guest are cordially invited to join us on,

Saturday, June 9, 2018

Please join us at the 5pm Mass for a special blessing

Followed by a fun evening of

Dinner, Music and Dancing

***Please consider joining these festivities with great food,
wine and music***

From 6:00pm—9:00 pm the auditorium

Thank You for all you do!



Kindly mail, drop off at the rectory office, or place in the collection basket.

Clearly label your envelope “VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION PARTY”

YES!I WILL JOIN THE CELEBRATION!!

Please respond before: MONDAY, MAY 29, 2018

NUMBER OF ADULTS (ONLY) ATTENDING (Circle 1 or 2)

NAME(S): _____

Ss. Philip and James
Office of Youth Ministry
631-584-5454

Vacation Bible Camp

July 16th - 20th

9:30am - 12:00pm
Monday - Friday
For children ages 4-9 years old.



Theme "Miracles of Jesus"

Vacation Bible Camp is a long-standing tradition at Saints Philip and James. VBC 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.

* \$25 Tuition includes supplies, a daily healthy snack and a VBC T-Shirt.
Registration forms will be received at the Rectory One Carow place St. James, NY 11780

CAMPER REGISTRATION 2018

Camper's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

DOB _____ Age _____ Grade (as of 9/18) _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

E-Mail _____ Allergies _____

Emergency Contact _____

Contact # _____ Relationship _____

Special Needs: _____

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

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, MAY 21, 2018

Speaker: Fr. Peter Dugandzic, Pastor, Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Valley Stream

Topic: "The Apparitions of Mary"

How much do you know about the appearances of the Blessed Virgin Mary that have occurred over ten different times in the last few centuries? Some of the more famous apparitions have occurred at Guadalupe, Mexico (1531); Lourdes, France (1858); Knock, Ireland (1879); Fatima, Portugal (1917); Medjugorje, Bosnia (1981 – present). Why does Mary appear? What does Mary say? The Church does not require Catholics to believe in them, but the Church has approved them, miracles have confirmed them, and it is always wise to listen to our Mother in heaven. Fr. Peter will tell us what we need to know about Mary's appearances, and relate his personal experiences going to Medjugorje, which is next to the town where his family originates. Please join us Monday evening.

LOCATION: Church of Saints Philip & James, Main Church

TIME: 6:30 pm: Adoration • 7:30 pm: Speaker Talk • 8:30 pm: Coffee & Cake

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

Website: www.sspjmensforum.org



CHURCH of SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES

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May is Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month

Cystic Fibrosis is the most common fatal inherited genetic disease, chronic and progressive from birth.

Only 50% of the people with CF live past the age of 18 with a median survival rate between 37 and 41.

Please help CF stand for a cure found with a small donation to the Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walk being held on June 10, 2018 at the Holtsville Ecology Center

**[Www.cff.org/greatstrides](http://www.cff.org/greatstrides)
TEAM: LOVING LUCAS**



Music Ministry

Holy Spirit Come To Us

This weekend marks Pentecost Sunday and the end of the Easter season. We are filled with the Holy Spirit. The traditional Come Holy Ghost is our Gathering Hymn # 445 in the Music Issue and Presentation is Spirit, Come # 453.

The Chords of Faith will sing, "Lift your voice to the Holy One" as their special Communion piece. Clap along with them!!

The Adults are on this weekend and will be joined by the Youth Group.

Children from our School will also be adding some special signing to some songs during the Mass.

The Holy Spirit will be upon us all as we share our talents to praise God!!

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love."

2018
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
APPEAL

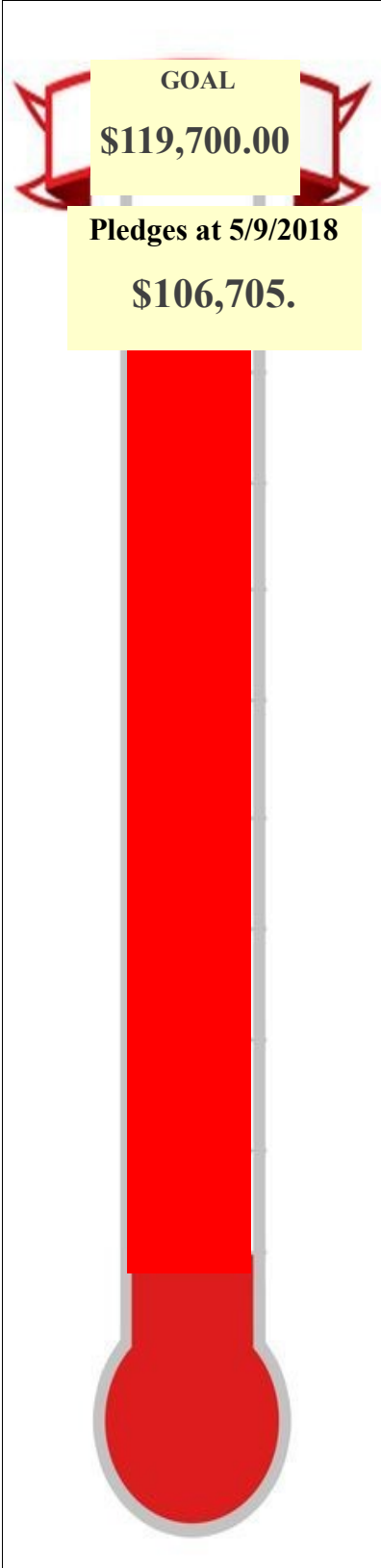
Supporting Dramatic Missionary Growth
on Long Island and Beyond

**Hands of
Christ's Mercy**



*We are currently at **89%**
of our **Catholic Ministries Appeal**
Goal of **\$119,700!***

*In any small way, might you help us reach our goal?
**Many thanks for your kindness and
generosity of heart!***



"I knew something was wrong as soon as I saw him..."

For Long Island's homebound seniors, **Meals-on-Wheels** is a lifesaver. Every weekday, the program delivers hot, nutritious meals to seniors in Nassau and Suffolk counties. Meals-on-Wheels case managers also assist these seniors in accessing other services they might need.

"I knew something was wrong as soon as I saw him," explains Steve, a driver for Catholic Charities' Meals-on-Wheels. Steve had been delivering meals to Ed for several years and upon arriving that fateful day, immediately observed that he seemed disoriented.

Steve knew Ed was diabetic, so he checked his blood sugar and saw that it was low. He poured him some orange juice but sensed there was something more serious going on. *"I kept asking him to let me call 911 but he resisted. I couldn't accept that so I just casually stuck around, making my case. He finally admitted that he didn't have anyone to care for his dog if he was hospitalized, so I promised I would, and that's when he gave me the green light to call."*

It was a good thing, too. At the hospital Ed was diagnosed with a serious blood infection that kept him there for nearly four months. In the meantime, Steve cared for the dog until Ed's sister arrived from out of town.

Your gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal support so many programs that help us to serve our seniors and others who come to us for help each day.

Please consider donating to the Appeal and making a difference in the lives of others.

Make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish _____ Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____ Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

THANK YOU!

SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of May 20th, 2018

Sunday, May 20th, 2018

8:00am	Respect Life Baby Shower	School Lobby/Outside
8:30am	RCIA	SSPJ Room
10:00am	Children's Liturgy	Auditorium
11:00am	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Wksp
11:00am	Uniformed Service Reception	Auditorium
11:15am	Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang	Auditorium
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room

Monday, May 21st, 2018

6:30pm	Men's Forum	Church
7:00pm	Women's Voices~Awaken the Spirit Within	Sts Philip & James Rm
7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting	Auditorium

Tuesday, May 22nd, 2018:

1:30pm	Spirit of Love Prayer Group	Prayer Room In Church
4:30pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Choir Loft
7:00pm	REO Catechists Reflection Meeting	Philip & James Room
7:30pm	Chords of Faith Rehearsal	Choir Loft
8:00pm	Boy Scout Leadership Meeting	Monte Building

Wednesday, May 23rd, 2018:

7:00pm	Youth Ministry	Auditorium
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Thursday, May 24th, 2018:

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

Friday, May 25th, 2018:

3:00pm	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Workshop
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room
7:00pm	Youth Ministry Coffee House	Bethany Center
8:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church

Saturday, May 26th, 2018:

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

Weekly Collection:
 Sunday May 13, 2018
 Sunday Collection: \$12,077.
 Faith Direct: \$3,823
 Children's Jug: \$27.
 Communications: \$2,161.
 Ascension: \$2,294.
Total Collection: \$20,382.

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



On June 3, 2018 we celebrate Corpus Christi, the Solemnity of the most holy Body and Blood of Christ.

While we commemorate the Eucharist as our spiritual nourishment, we should not forget that there is also much physical hunger in the world.

For that reason members of the Peace and Justice Committee will ask parishioners after all the masses on Corpus Christi Day to sign "Bread for the world" letters to our elected representatives. We will urge them to protect key programs that will reduce hunger and poverty as they work on the 2019 budget and spending bill.

The Rosary is said every morning Monday thru Friday after the 7:30AM mass in the church also every morning before the 9:15AM

mass
Monday thru Saturday in the prayer room.

Eucharistic Adoration is available every Thurs. 2-4PM and Fri. evening 8-9 PM in the main church



Banns of Marriage

Second

Michael James Smith-SSPJ

To

Jessica Donna Killer

Holy Cross-Nescoset

Third

Thomas DeBello~SSPJ

To

Cynthia IaFrate~SSPJ

Mass Intentions, For the week of May 20th, 2018

Saturday, May 19th, 2018

8:00pm *Louis Scala*

Sunday, May 20th, 2018

8:00am *Mother's Day Novena*

10:00am *Richard "Soupy" Ligon*

12:00 Noon Collective Mass:
Walter D. Wozny
Anthony & Josephine Spadafino
Rina Pisotti
Sally Washburn
Joseph M. Clarke

Monday, May 21st, 2018

7:30am *Mother's Day Novena*

9:15am *Theresa Byrne*

Tuesday, May 22nd, 2018

7:30am *James Lorenz*

9:15am *Louis Alficari, Henry Toebelmann, Joseph M. Trezza*

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

Anna Capizzio
Angela Amoroso
Angela Boccio McComb
AnnMarie M.
Baby Mattia Lubrano
Betty Schmidt
Brett Dowling
Brennan Steinhorth
Bryan Van Colt
Carole Hennessy
Carol Walz
Catherine Burseind
Christel DeBlasio
Christopher Tallarico
Christina Meringolo
Daisy Abruzzo
David Shankles
Dawn Kopel
Dylan Lauro
Eileen Zink
Elinor Glasser
Faith VanGostein
Florence Donahue
Gerard Duffy
Ginny McAuley
Greg
Helen McDowell
Hillary Boehme
James Gietzen
Jeanine Esposito Tansey
Josette Perconti
Joseph Perconti
Joe Alberigo

John Bombace
John Capizzio
John Hernandez
Julianne
Kathleen N.
Kitty Cronin
Krista Farley
Kylie Quigley
Laura Andrucki & family
Linda Sue
Louis Giordano
Mark Montesano
Marie DelCiello,
Marie Fabry
Marie Loughlin
Mary McDonough
Michael LaVecchia
Nancy Fornabia
Pasquale Santoro
Patricia Casey
Patricia Fontana
Patricia Monetti
Paulette Agoglia
Robin Graham Denis
Raymond Fox
Rosemary Morgan
Sean Winters
Suzanne McCue
Terence Hobbes
Teresa Orlik
Thomas McKay
Terry Pace
Vivien Cordes

Wednesday, May 23rd, 2018

7:30am *Salvatore Acello*
9:15am *Troy Baydala*

Thursday, May 24th, 2018

7:30am *The Keely Family (Living)*
9:15am Collective Mass:
Paige Keely

Friday, May 25th, 2018

7:30am *Stephen J. Dunston*
9:15am *Kathryn Doran*

Saturday, May 26th, 2018

9:15am *Michelina Martino*
5:00pm *Louise Tyminski*

Sunday, May 27th, 2018

For the Parishioners of SSPJ

8:00am

10:00am *Ted Petry*

12:00 Noon Collective Mass:
Harrison Thrasher, Jr.
Graciela Osorio
Jerry Amato
Terry Byrne
Leona Peters
Carmine DiConzolo

We Pray for those Who Serve



LCDR. MEGAN M. SHUTKA-VIK, USN
CAPT. WILSON MARKS, USN
CAPTAIN MICHAEL DOLAN, JR.
LT. COL. JOHN KAIREAS
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
CORPORAL DANIEL P. STEELE, USMC
SGT. CORY O'HARA USMC
CDR. ROBERT J. MARSH, USN
PFC. CHARLES CHRISTOPHER HOWELL
JOHN VINCENT KNOBLOCH, USMC
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, U.S.C.G.
RICHARD MAIER, U.S.M.C.
PRIVATE JOSHUA OLSEN, USARNG
GLEN CRIMA-U.S. ARMY
PFC. ANTHONY SCIAMETTA
MARIO CATANIA, USMC
RYAN ANTHONY NASCIMENTO, U.S.M.C.
ENS. RYAN M. SHOWS U.S.N.
STAFF SGT. RYAN REXRODE U.S.M.C.
DR. KARA VANDEKIEFT, LT.COL.USAF
SGT. STEPHEN D. OUTCAULT, USMC

Safely Home... We Remember,

Linda D. Prew
Domenick Manzo

Sts. Philip & James 2018 Family Festival

JUNE 21ST - 24TH

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Please consider one of our 2018 Family Festival sponsorship opportunities

FESTIVAL SPONSOR:

As a Festival Sponsor your name will appear in SSPJ festival promotions as well as be prominently displayed at the festival. Festival Sponsors will receive 10 Pay-One-Price tickets.

RIDE SPONSOR:

As a Ride Sponsor your name will be displayed at a ride at the festival. Ride Sponsors will receive 4 Pay-One-Price tickets.

FAMILY FESTIVAL SUPPORTER:

As a Family Festival Supporter your name will be displayed on signage along with other supporters. Festival Supporters will receive 2 Pay-One-Price tickets.

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

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please email Nancy Paz Greubel at npaz@fpfconstruction.com or call (516) 220-2771

BECOME A SPONSOR

- | | Price |
|---|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Festival Sponsor | \$1,500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ride Sponsor | \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter | \$200 |

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Please list our donation as follows: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Please return no later than June 13th.

Please make checks payable to: Sts. Philip & James, Family Festival Committee 359 Clinton Avenue, St. James, NY 11780



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES COUNCIL
COUNCIL #12839

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018

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



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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

Breakfast Sponsored By:
Doda's Gold Shield Catering

May the Course Be With You



This Year's Honoree:

Mike Tully



NAME: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Number of Players: ___ \$175.00 per person
(includes Golf Cart, Lunch, Cocktail Hour, Dinner)

Dinner only: ___ \$75.00 per person

Total: \$ _____

Number attending: _____

Sponsorship:

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Father Kevin Cronin	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Kevin Cronin	Father Patrick Osei-Poku
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E. Kaleita, Jr	W. Ramos	G. Patalano	A. Santo
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Saturday, May 26, 2018 5:00PM MASS	Sunday, May 27, 2018 8:00AM MASS	Sunday, May 27, 2018 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, May 27, 2018 12:00 NOON MASS
A. Balocca	J. Auleta	C. Donnelly	C. Tsoumpelis
A. Bjorkland	L. Auleta	S. Donnelly	Sanchez Rincon
T. Miller	B. Keese	B. Roberts	D. Sanchez Rincon
V. Scarpelli	K. Keese	A. Romero	I. Cole
		G. Romero	

LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR May 26th & 27th, 2018

Saturday, May 26, 2018 5:00PM MASS	Sunday, May 27, 2018 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, May 27, 2018 10:00AM MASS	Sunday, May 27, 2018 12:00 NOON MASS
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May 27th—Most Holy Trinity— Cycle B

Scripture Readings ONLINE

The website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides the text of the Scripture Readings. Go to: www.usccb.org . Click on the date.

Reflections on Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40

Psalm 33

Romans 8:14-17

Matthew 28:16-20

We usually take pride in our family name as we recall our ancestors and our history. The love we have for those who gave us life means that we seek to enhance, rather than tarnish, the family name. Today's readings reflect on family legacies and obligations. All believers must act upon their name -- "Christian" -- and bring honor to their Christian family.

The first part of the Deuteronomy passage is a study in the biblical theme of election. Moses asks the people of Israel to review their history from the moment of creation to recent happenings. People would have thought immediately about the Exodus, about the covenant on Mount Sinai. Even one or two moments' thought would clearly indicate God's great love for Israel. In light of this love the chosen people must give honor to their family heritage. They must acknowledge no other God. They must obey Yahweh's commandments.

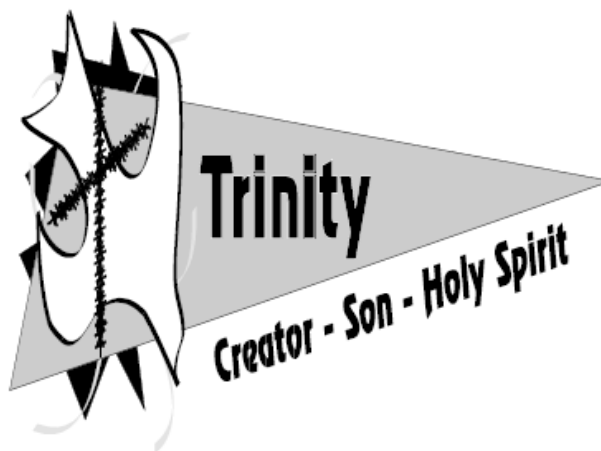
In the selection from Romans, Paul defines a Christian as one led by the Spirit. As Christians we are God's adopted children. This status entitles us to address God with the same word Jesus used, namely, "Abba." This Aramaic word means "father" in a most intimate way. "Dad" or "Daddy" are closer translations.

Like Jesus, Christians are intimate heirs of God called to act on behalf of the family. In the final scene from his gospel, Matthew announces Jesus' exaltation -- his full authority over the entire universe. Next he has Jesus commission the Eleven (Judas had been the twelfth and will soon be replaced). This commissioning involves three stages: making disciples, baptizing, and teaching. Finally Jesus reassures the Eleven of his abiding presence. The disciples enjoy an intimate family relationship with Jesus.

Baptism is an awesome responsibility. By being baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we become intimate members of God's family. Baptism is a bond not only with other baptized people but also with the nonbaptized as well. Everything we do on a daily basis tests how well we live up to this responsibility. Ours is a call to give honor and glory to the name and family that are our Christian faith.

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

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For reflection...

Jesus took away the disciples' doubts about making disciples of all nations. How did he do this? How do you handle your doubts about whether you can "make disciples"? How would you make disciples in your family, among your co-workers, and with your friends?

Belief in the Trinity requires not merely meditating on an abstraction, but calls living a reality — for the Trinity is all about relationship and unconditional love. In what ways have you seen this relationship present in your life?

In what ways have you experienced the Spirit of truth guiding your life? How do you draw on the wisdom of the Son? How has the creative love of the Father touched your life?

Moses heard the voice of God from a burning bush. Where do you hear the voice of God . . . friends . . . the poor . . . newspapers . . . bishops . . . nature . . . novels . . . music . . . your heart?

ON SUICIDE AND DESPAIR

For centuries, suicide was considered as an act of despair and despair itself was seen as the most grievous sin of all. In many religious circles, despair was seen as the most sinful of all acts and ultimately unforgivable.

Sadly, a strong residue of that remains, suicide is still seen by many as an act of despair, an affront to God and to life itself, an unforgivable relinquishing of hope. Many church people still see suicide as an act of despair and as the unforgivable sin against the Holy Spirit. Roman Catholic sometimes reinforce this notion by their reading of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* which defines the sin of despair as follows:

“DESPAIR is the most serious sin a person can commit! ... Like presumption, despair is a sin against the First Commandment. It steers us away from hope, which is an infused virtue received at Baptism together with sanctifying grace and having the possession of God as its primary object. In Mark, 3:28-29, we read that: “Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin.”

That may well be true, except suicide is not despair. Dictionaries define despair as the complete lack or absence of hope. But that’s not what happens in most suicides. What does happen?

The person who is taking his or her own life is not intending that act as an insult or affront to God or to life (for that would be an act of strength and suicide is generally the antithesis of that). What happens in most suicides is the polar opposite. *The suicide is the result of a mammoth defeat.*

There’s a powerful scene in the musical adaption of Victor Hugo’s, *Les Miserables*. A young woman, Fantine, lies dying. She tells of once being youthful and full of hopeful dreams; but now worn-down by a lifetime of poverty, crushed by a broken heart, and overcome by physical illness, she is defeated and has to submit to the tearful fact that *“there are storms we cannot weather”*.

She’s right, and anyone who does not accept that truth will one day come to a painful and bitter understanding of it. There are things in this life that will crush us, and surrender isn’t an act of despair and indeed isn’t a free act at all. It’s a humbling, sad defeat.

And that’s the case with most people who die from suicide. For reasons ranging from mental illness to an infinite variety of overpowering storms that can break a person, there’s sometimes a point in people’s lives where they are overpowered, defeated, and unable to continue to will their own living – parallel to one who dies as a victim of a drought, hurricane, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, or Alzheimer’s. There’s no sin in being overpowered by a deadly storm. We can be overpowered, and some people are, but that’s not despair (which can only be willful and an act of strength).

To begin with, we don’t understand mental illness, which can be just as real and just as death-producing as any physical illness. We don’t blame someone for dying from cancer, a stroke, or a physical accident, but we invariably cast moral shadows on someone who dies as a result of various mental illnesses which play a deadly role in many suicides. Happily, God is still in charge and our flawed understanding, while generally permanently tainting the way someone is remembered in this world, doesn’t in effect salvation on the other side.

Beyond mental illness we can be defeated in life by many other things. Tragedy, heartbreaking loss, unrequited obsession, and crippling shame can at times break a heart, crush a will, kill a spirit, and bring death to a body. And our judgment on this should reflect our understanding of God: What all-loving, merciful God would condemn someone because he or she, like Victor Hugo’s, Fantine, could not weather the storm? Does God side with our own narrow notions where salvation is mostly reserved for the strong? Not if Jesus is to be believed.

Notice when Jesus points out sin he doesn’t point to where we are weak and defeated; rather he points to where we are strong, arrogant, indifferent, and judgmental. Search the Gospels and ask this question: On whom is Jesus hardest? The answer is clear: Jesus is hardest on those who are strong, judgmental, and have no feeling for those who are enduring the storm. Notice what he says about the rich man who ignores the poor man at his doorstep, what he says about the priest and scribe who ignore the man beaten in a ditch, and how critical he is of the scribes and Pharisees who are quick to define who falls under God’s judgment and who doesn’t.

Only a faulty understanding of God can underwrite the unfortunate notion that being crushed in life constitutes despair.