

*“Together,  
we can do  
something  
beautiful for  
God”*

– St. Teresa of Calcutta



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Where do I go  
from here?

**Confirmation**

*The beginning*

*of your Adult*

*journey of*

*Faith.*

# Ministry Directory For Young Adults

Once you have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, it does not mean that your participation in the life of Saints Philip and James is over. Far from it! There are several other ways that you can still be a vibrant part of our parish family. **We extend an invitation to YOU to consider the following ministries:**

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## Altar Servers

Our Altar servers are an integral part of each Mass and other liturgical gatherings during the year. They assist the priest in the celebration of the liturgy during Mass. Members serve on a rotating schedule. For information contact **Mr. Lou Guerra** at **(631) 848-9584**.

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## Chords of Faith Choir

A Parish Music Ministry for grades 7 – 12. Our group is made up of teens just like yourself. All are welcome and **No auditions are required**. Practice is every Tuesday, 7:30pm until 8:30pm in the Church and we sing on Saturdays at 5:00pm Mass.

Make friends while praising God through Music. Vocalists, as well as, instrumentalists (percussion, strings, guitar, brass, and woodwinds) are encouraged to join. Remember: "He who sings, prays twice!" For more information please contact **Mrs. Margaret Adams**, Director of Music, at (631) 584-5454 ext. 235 or email her at [sspjmusicministry@gmail.com](mailto:sspjmusicministry@gmail.com).

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## SSPJ Impact Youth Ministry

As part of your ongoing Confirmation Preparation process at Saints Philip and James (SSPJ), the Youth Ministry has designed this special program for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Candidates. This group is a stepping-stone to our High School Ministry, giving you and opportunity to develop

fellowship with our IMPACT and Youth Ministry Staff and fellow classmates. We offer you a chance to grow closer to God through prayer and group discussions dealing with the topics of peer pressure, personal issues, morality, and your faith while enjoying games, ice-breakers, meditations and Christian music. Meetings are Tuesday evenings, 7:30pm – 8:30pm, in the Old Church. For more information, please contact the **Youth Office** at (631) 862-SSPJ or on the web at [www.SSPJYouth.com](http://www.SSPJYouth.com)

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## SSPJ Youth Ministry

Sts. Philip and James Youth Ministry is a comprehensive youth program for 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> graders, that is tailor-made for you, our parish youth, and your needs. The group meets Wednesday nights, 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the Old Church. It offers community building, prayer, Christian music, scripture reflection, meditation, skits, fellowship and small discussions.

Topics about relationships, fear, faith, media, drugs and alcohol, peer pressure, and being a young Catholic are also discussed. These goals are accomplished through weekly meetings, retreats, ski trips, concerts, fund raisers, leadership training, and community service. Come check us out and BRING A FRIEND! For more information contact **Mr. Frank Brancaccio**, Youth Minister at (631) 862-SSPJ or at [www.SSPJYouth.com](http://www.SSPJYouth.com)

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## SSPJ Vacation Bible Camp

Vacation Bible Camp is a two-week session where 4 to 7 year-old children are introduced to our faith through music, dance, arts & crafts, outside activities, and daily assemblies. An opportunity for volunteering is offered to you for the summer after graduating from 9<sup>th</sup> grade. For more information, please contact the **Camp Office** at (631) 862-7775.

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## SSPJ Stained Glass Club

The primary focus of the group is charitable works with a variety of sales and other fundraising efforts to foster Community service and religious endeavors.

**No Experience is Necessary.**

For more information, please contact **Mr. John Garvey** at [sspistainedglass@gmail.com](mailto:sspistainedglass@gmail.com).

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## Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang

This is a service opportunity for youth in the parish aimed at feeding the hungry on Long Island by making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for distribution to local social service agencies. The group meets monthly from 10:15am to 11:30am in the auditorium. For more information please contact the **Rectory Office** at (631) 584-5454 and a committee person will contact you.

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## Junior Catholic Daughters of America

The JCDA are for young Catholic girls who are committed to practice their Catholic faith for the good and service of our Church, our Parish, and our Community. For more information on how to join this organization, please contact **Mrs. Maria Kaiser** at (631) 509-0465.

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## Wash Kit Gang

The Wash Kit Gang is open to all of Sts. Philip and James parishioners, and meets on the **SECOND FRIDAY** of every month from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the auditorium or Pastoral Center. Using donated supplies, the wash kit packets are made and distributed to the needy throughout the diocese of Rockville Centre. For more information, on how you can be part of this group, please contact the Chairperson **Alice Hamilton** at (631) 689-2880.