

1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780 (631) 584-5454

May 11, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter



Kelheim: Benedictine Monastery Church of Saint George and Martin, Cosmas Damian Asam and Franz Erasmus Asam, 1734/1736, Zentralinstitut für Kunstgeschichte, München, Germany.

Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." - John 14:8

MASS TIMES		RECONCILIATION		EUCHARISTIC ADORATION	
Weekday	7:30 AM, 9:15 AM	Saturday	4 – 5 PM	Monday	1:30 – 7 PM
Saturday	9:15 AM , 5 PM (Vigil)				
Sunday	8 AM (Live-streaming via Facebook), 10 AM, 12 NOON				

The Parish Directory

Parish Information

GENERAL INFORMATION

Phone Number	(631) 584-5454
Parish Fax	(631) 862-9675
Website	www.sspj.org
Address	1 Carow Place
	St. James, NY 11780

Office Hours Mon. & Thu. 9:30 AM - 5 PM Tue. & Wed. 9:30 AM - 8 PM Fri. 9:30 AM - 1 PM

CLERGY

Pastor	Rev. Sean Magaldi
Associate Pastor	Rev. Joe Lobo
Associate Pastor	Rev. Dennis Gannon
Deacon	John Keenan

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Sr. Theresita Donach, CSFN

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Phone Number (631) 584-3204

GRADE LEVEL COORDINATORS

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SSPJ SCHOOL

Principal Phone Number School Fax Diane M. Anderson (631) 584-7896 (631) 584-3258

TRUSTEES

Brendan McGovern Jennine Cullen

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Michael Sharkey Cynthia Lombardi Lisa Keane Nancy Sanders Sheila Cavooris Lou Guerra Paul Damato Maureen Burke Matthew Carey

Thank you for your generosity Financial Support Needed Weekly to meet Parish budget: \$16,700

Weekly Collection - Sunday, May 4, 2025:

Collections from Weekend masses: \$10,856.00 Faith Direct (126 Participants Weekly): \$3,374.00 Total Collection: \$14,230.00

Additional Easter Collection: \$410.00

Faith Direct: Visit sspj.org and click on the Faith Direct icon. Use SSPJ Parish code: NY232

Sacraments and Sacramentals

SACRAMENTAL RECORDS

To request a copy of your certificate of Baptism, Marriage, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation please call the rectory.

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For adults looking to become Catholic or receive Confirmation, email Sister Theresita at srtheresita@sspj.org to ask about our OCIA program.



BAPTISM

Celebrated twice per month. Parents are asked to contact Sister Theresita at srtheresita@sspj.org for a Pre-Baptism Program.

RECONCILIATION

Available Saturdays from 4 - 5 pm in the Church or by contacting the rectory for an appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In case of serious, unexpected illness, please contact the rectory to arrange for a Priest to pray with the person who is ill.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

For First Holy Communion, second grade students are prepared to celebrate through Religious Ed or SSPJ School. For Confirmation, seventh and eighth grade students are prepared to celebrate through Religious Ed or SSPJ School. Adults prepare for both sacraments through OCIA.

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.

Please Remember Those Who Serve For Us In Your Prayers



LCDR Megan M. Shutka-Vik -USN | CAPT Wilson Marks -USN | CPT Michael T. Dolan Jr. -D.O, ARMY Sgt Cory O'hara -USMC | Lt Col John Kaires | SGM Michael P. Borrelli -ARMY CAPT John Tully -USN | LTC James Tully - ARMY | Joseph Saggio -USNC | Richard Sotomayer -USAF SSgt Michael Longhenry | Lt Col Paul T. Jackson | SSgt Alexander Parrella - USAF Christopher A. Hionidis -USAF | Michael Hionidis -USMC | PFC Charles Christopher Howell Hank Moloney -USAF | Steven Cava -USN | Emmett Moloney -USN | CW2 Natasha Wortman LTJG Kyle Melvin -USN | LTJG Jillian Melvin -USN | Cpl James T. Casey -USMC | Glen Crima -ARMY SGT Joshua Mahoney -ARMY | Spc Nicole A. Cannon | 2LT Dillon Reynolds -USAF Private Joshua Olsen - USARNG | Mario Catania - USMC | Cpl Larissa Dorrian - USMC Ryan Anthony Nascimento -USMC | Kyle Anthony Nascimento -ARMY | ENS Ryan M. Shows –USN SSgt. Ryan Rexrode -USMC | Dr. Kara Vandekieft, Col -USAF | Sgt Stephen D. Outcault -USMC Paul Mumolo -USN | Victoria Zeman -USCG | Kyle J. Gruner -ARMY | Mark Giordano -USCG Lt Kelli Mclaughlin – USANG | 1LT Michael J Bang – Military Intelligence ARMY | Captain Paul Willms Kevin Jones -USCG | Sgt Connor F. Scott -USMC | Elizabeth C. Oliver -QM 2ND Class SW USN CW2 Chris Munz | Carl Josephson - USAF | Daniel Josephson - USAF | Samantha Josephson - USAF MIDN Erin Nicastro -USNA | MLDN Kate Nicastro -USNA | Justene Patch -2ND Class USN Matthew Patrick Gallagher -ARMY | LT Commander Christopher Shank MD | Eric Seelin -USMC 2LT James A Koester - ARMY | Maj Brendan Johnston - USAF | Lt Connor Toomey - USMC Dakota Barnett -2ND Class USN | Erin Morphey -2ND Class USN | Richard Wulforst, III -USA ANG

The Pastoral Letter from Rev. Sean Magaldi

My Dear Friends in Jesus Christ and Our Blessed Mother,

I want to share with you a message from Ms. Diane Anderson, our principal:

Dear SSPJ Community,

SSPJ school and parish have been my heart and home for the past 15 years. I consider it and all of you as my family. It has been my honor and privilege to have had the support of Fr. Sean, Fr. Gannon, my Faculty & Staff, all of the amazing students who have walked these halls and all of their wonderful parents.

As the Holy Spirit continues to lead my life, I have been called to follow my daughter Nichole & son-in-law Alex to Maryland. I have been blessed with the position as Principal of a Catholic Elementary School in Maryland.

I leave here knowing that SSPJ is set. With Fr. Sean at the helm, SSPJ will continue to thrive. Our teachers will continue to lead. The basis of a Catholic Education will grow. And, SSPJ is financially in a good place.

I leave here with gratitude.

I hope that you will pray for me as I will pray for you.

Blessings, Ms. Anderson

I will work with the Diocesan Department of Education to create a search committee to find our new principal. I want to take this time to thank Ms. Anderson for her dedication to Catholic Education, especially at SS. Philip and James Catholic School. It has been a pleasure working with her these last few months. SSPJ School is a special place, and that is large in part to Ms. Anderson. May God bless you on this new journey and please know of our prayers!

In Christ, Fr. Sean

Altar Memorials, Prayer Intentions, Mass Intentions and Schedule

THE BREAD AND WINE ARE OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Lydia Portanova, for accepting me as your own. Virgina Portanova

THE PRO-LIFE ROSE IS DEDICATED TO

Pop Pop Jack Consenz, Karin Consenz

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE BURNING IN MEMORY OF

Marie Campano, for always showing me a mother's heart. Virgina Portanova

THE SANCTURARY LAMP IS LIT IN MEMORY OF

Mary Vanek, who showered me with unconditional love. Lynn Sisti

Please contact the Office of Parish Social Ministry, (631) 584-5454, to include the name of a brother or sister in need of prayer.

Louis Fabiano, Maria Lee, Margaret Remhild, Samya Salama, Barbara Hobbes, Michael Mattia, Michael Scorca, Grayson Danielski, Ann Marie, Amanda Rose Critella, Amanda Cacoperdo, Carmela Montesano, Donna Fabrizio, David Beleck, Brittany Lundberg, Ed Ceraso, Edward Luna, Jessie Lokai, John V Leone, Kathleen Martin, Kerry Larry, Mia Mednick, Patrice Henry, Rob Remhild, Ronnie Reichert, Stephanie Seban, Tonia Perdue, Joan Cooper, Tim Tippett, Madeline Kelley, Diane Toto, Phillip Giarrupeto, Judy Hanrahan, Mary Di Carlo, Patricia Schecher, Nora Danko, Joanna Szymanski, Luke Salvatore Montesano, Anthony D'Angelis, Katie Hobbes, Leon Donach, Paul Robertelli, Scott Jaworowski, Paul Robertelli, Donna Belullovich, Gasly Valle, Donna Belullovich, Christine Quinn

Saturday, May 10th	Reconciliation 4:00-5:00pm	9:15am	Gregory Mattia
	Cantor: LoCastro Lector: Drechsler/Healy EMs: Taurassi/Drechsler/Licari/Toto/Ruggieri	5:00pm	For all Mothers, Living and Deceased
Sunday, May 11th	Cantor: Hill Lector: Cavooris/Luna EMs: Rizzo/Ramos/Sica/Tully/Tully	8:00am	For the People of the Parish
	Cantor: Meringolo Lector: Zahorodny/DeRosa EMs: Suski/Keane/Luna/Conti/Napolitano/Mulhall	10:00am	Mother's Day Novena
	Cantor: Lohmann Lector: Just/Cullen EMs: Samson/Latino/Bleggi/Orlando	12:00pm	For all Mothers, Living and Deceased
Monday, May 12th	Adoration 1:30-7:00pm In the Church	7:30am	Mother's Day Novena
		9:15am	Jessica Berroyer
Tuesday, May 13th		7:30am	Mother's Day Novena
		9:15am	Tina Cafaro
Wednesday, May 14th		7:30am	Mother's Day Novena
		9:15am	Robert Remhild
Thursday, May 15th		7:30am	Mother's Day Novena
		9:15am	Tina Cafaro and Gregoria Diaz
Friday, May 16th		7:30am	Mother's Day Novena
		9:15am	Michael Colletta
Saturday, May 17th	Reconciliation 4:00-5:00pm	9:15am	Mother's Day Novena
	Cantor: Murtha Lector: Piliero/Morosky EMs: Lombardi/Mantia/Anderson/Damato/La Serra	5:00pm	Thomas Zay
Sunday, May 18th	Cantor: Stefanowski Lector: Sehne/Dervan EMs: Czujko/Dervan/Diaz/Sica/Tully	8:00am	For the People of the Parish
	Cantor: Cazzaniga Lector: Kieran/Doran EMs: Amen/Parish/Clarke/Rizzo/Licari/Calderone	10:00am	Mother's Day Novena
	Cantor: Cazzaniga Lector: Kenton/Dias EMs: Kaleita/Rubano/Rubano/Margaret	12:00pm	<u>Collective Mass</u> Peter Portanova, Michael Colletta, Arthur Resciniti, Nicola Leone

The Parish of SS. Philip & James Celebrates the Sacrament of First Communion.

Congratulations to our Second Grade students who received their First Holy Communion. Together we pray that they always remain as excited to receive the Eucharist as they were on this special day and they always remember how much God loves them.



The Parish of SS. Philip & James Celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Congratulations and God bless all those who were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Together we pray that you always remember to allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in all that you do.



OCIA CANDIDATES RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS AT THE EASTER VIGIL

OCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, is designed for adults who want to become Catholic, whether they're unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or were baptized Catholic as infants but never received Confirmation or Eucharist.

This year, Saints Philip and James had seven adults in the program. After seven months of preparation, these Catechumens, as they are called, received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on April 19. Two of our candidates were Baptized; all were Confirmed and received holy Communion. The practice of administering the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil dates back to the earliest days of the Church.



FATHER SEAN BAPTIZES DENNIS HOPPER AND KATIE KIRK AT THE EASTER VIGIL.

FATHER SEAN PREPARES THE CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION





THE CANDIDATES ARE CONFIRMED



Dear Friends,

I pray that all of you are enjoying this Easter Season and preparing to receive the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. With all the different stories of Jesus appearing to the apostles and those close to him I couldn't help but wonder, "what was going on in their minds?" Anxiety can stop us from many things and for some, conquering that fear is a challenge.

This scenario reminded me of one of my favorite story books, a Russian folk tale, Vasalisa and her Magic Doll, by Rita Grauer. The story is about a young girl, Vasalisa, who lost her mom when she was young. To make matters more difficult, Vasalisa then had to grow up with her sister who was very jealous of her. However, before Vasalisa's mother passed away, she gave her a small magical doll.



As Vasalisa engages each challenge in her life, she touches the doll who encourages her by saying, "Do what lies before you and all will be well."

Although the challenges that we face are nothing like the ones that Vasalisa faced on her journey to receive the "light," they are real. Some of us take care of elderly parents from afar, while others long to visit family members who live far away. How do we handle these difficulties? "Do what lies before you and all will be well."

What about those who have lost their jobs and are worried about how to take care of their family? What about those whose businesses have closed and those who are not sure when things will change if they have a job? "Do what lies before you and all will be well."

"Do what lies before you and all will be well." What does that mean? For me, it means that I need to focus on what is before me, be present to the moment, and do what I can at that moment with the time, energy, and wisdom I have. It is taking the "what ifs" out of my vocabulary. If we can stay focused and take one step at a time, it is easier to remain at peace. This is what Jesus gives us. Anxiety can have some awful side effects like unkind words or actions, negative behavior, and sarcasm, to name a few.

As we prepare to celebrate the feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost, I believe that Jesus left the Apostles the same message: "Do what lies before you and all will be well." Their task was an enormous one. They had to take one day at a time and believe that the gift of the Holy Spirit was on the way. They didn't know the day or the hour, but they could trust that Jesus would fulfill His promise and send the Advocate. Like them, we need to BREATHE and ask the Holy Spirit to help us remember: "Do what lies before you and all will be well." We need to trust that the Spirit is with us, and we need to continue to pray for the strength the Spirit offers us. Doing what lies before us means that we need to give up controlling our lives. That is a big task, but like Vasalisa, we will find "the light" and bring it to those we are with as long as we continue to "do what lies before you and all will be well."

Till next week, continue preparing for the gift of the Spirit, Sister Theresita

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Parish Social Ministry

WE REMEMBER, ALL THOSE WHO ARE SAFELY HOME IN THE ARMS OF JESUS

Robert Doveala Laura Timpone

SENIORS

The next meeting of the Seniors will be on Monday, May 12, 2025, from 1:30 to 3:30 In the Sts. Philip & James Room. Please join us for an afternoon of faith, friendship, and fun.

THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE The Respect Life Committee invites all to join us in praying the Rosary at 8 AM, M-F, in the prayer room of the Church.

Last week the New York State Assembly passed the assisted suicide bill making it legal for medical professionals to end the life of a person instead of caring for that person with sensitivity and compassion. The bill has now gone to the senate. Please call your state senators and request they vote NO on Assisted Suicide bill

S138HoylmanSiegal. In Stony Brook call State Senator Anthony Palombo @ (518) 455-321, and in Smithtown call Senator Mario Matera @ (518) 455-207. Thank you for your pro-life stand to protect all life from conception to natural death.

Katie's	Way

Collecting new and gently used baby items and delivering them to the Life Center of Long Island. These items benefit mothers, children, and expectant mothers in need. Your donations build a community that supports mothers who choose life for their unborn children under difficult circumstances. Suggested donation items: diapers, wipes, bottles. Gently used baby and toddler items such as car seats, high chairs, strollers, clothing, toys, etc. New baby and toddler items, including diapers, wipes, formula, baby food, clothing, etc.

> PLEASE DROP OFF AT: 56 TILLOTSON AVENUE, ST. JAMES, NY

OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Boxed Milk

BOOK KIOSK IN LOBBY

New Choices for the Month of May! During the month of May, you can find new offerings on Our Blessed Mother who is always ready to guide us through challenging times. We are also looking forward to the canonization of Blessed Carlos Acutis, the first millennial saint.

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May we grow both in consciousness of the great gift of creation and in openness to wiser and more just ways of caring for it and sharing it.



May God Hold You in His Heart This Mother's Day

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS You are never alone

AA 24 Hour Hotline	(631) 669-1124
Al-Anon	(631) 669-2827
Birthright	(631) 821-9727
Child Abuse	(800) 342-3720
Dept.of Social Services	(631) 854-2300
Domestic Violence -Brighter Tomorrow -Vibes -The Retreat LI Against Domestic Violence	(631) 395-1800 (631) 360-3607 (631) 329-2200 (631) 666-8833
Elder Abuse	(631) 761-7470
Food Stamps	(631) 789-9546
Gamblers Anonymous	(855) 222-5542
Good Shepherd Hospice	(631) 376-3758
Mental Health Emergency	(631) 952-3333
Narcotics Anonymous	(631) 689-6262
Nassau/Suffolk Law	(631) 232-2400
Poison Control	(516) 542-2323
Hope House	(631) 473-6030
Office for the Aging	(631) 853-8200
Overeaters Anonymous	(631) 260-6615
Rachel's Hope-Post Abortion	(888) 456-4673
Suicide Hotline	(631) 751-7500

Music Ministry

WEEKLY REFLECTION FROM MUSIC DIRECTOR MARGARET ADAMS Happy Mother's Day!! From the Music Ministry

Our Sending Forth hymn for this weekend is, "On This Day O Beautiful Mother" # 691 in the Breaking Bread Book. This hymn is dedicated to all moms living and deceased. Remember them in a special way as we sing. The choirs, as their special hymn, will sing "The Hail Mary", another beautiful song dedicated to Mary and our moms.

Also, this weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday. The Gospel talks of Jesus as our shepherd and we are His sheep. We are asked to listen to the voice of God, our Good Shepherd.

Our Presentation Hymn is "The King of Love My Shepherd is". Our Shepherd loves us and is always there for us. ""I am the Good Shepherd", says the Lord, "I know my sheep, and mine know me."

Congratulations to Our Newly Baptized Catholics!



Gabriella Mary Castillo with parents Robert and Michelle, and celebrant Deacon John Keenan *Baptized on April 27, 2025.*

Robert Andrew Ward with parents Andrew and Casey, and celebrant Deacon John Keenan *Baptized on April 27, 2025.*

SSPJ Drama Club

Proudly Presents



Your favorite practically perfect nanny takes center stage in this Supercalifragilistic expialidocious adventure based on the award-winning Broadway musical and classic Walt Disney film.

Tickets for Mary Poppins Jr. are now on sale!

Tickets

Adults \$10.00

Children (12 and under) \$5.00

Friday:	May 16, 2025 @ 7:00 pm #Adults:	#Children		
Saturday:	May 17, 2025 @ 7:00 pm #Adults:	#Children		
Family Name:				
Total: \$	Phone#			
Please make checks payable to: SSPJ School				
Mail/drop off at SSPJ School, <u>359 Clinton Ave., St. James, NY 11780</u>				
<u>Place in the collection basket at Church</u>				
<u>Place in the mail slot at the Parish Center</u>				
Thank you.				
ALL PURCHASED TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR THE NIGHT OF THE SHOW				



STS. PHILIP & JAMES COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF

COLUMBUS PRESENTS THE MID-SUMMER GOLF

MID-SUMMER GOLF CLASSIC

JULY 9, 2025

CRAB MEADOW GOLF COURSE. NORTHPORT REGISTRATION 12:00PM-SHOTGUN START 1:30PM LUNCH, DINNER, BEER, WINE, *RAFFLE PRIZES*

Honoree Father Sean Magaldi









Proceeds to benefit Sts. Philip & James Knights of Columbus Charity Outreach Efforts.



Name:			
Address:			
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Number of Players:\$225.00) per person		
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(includes Driving Range, Cart, Lunch, Dinner)			
Dinner only:\$100 per pers	on		
Number attending:	Total: \$		
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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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2025 **Parent Internet** Safety Nights

What Parents Need to Know

Dates & Locations:

7:00PM Wednesday, May 7

Holy Angels Regional School

1 Division Avenue, Patchogue

Thursday, May 8 Trinity Regional School

1025 Fifth Avenue, East Northport

Thursday, May 15 St. Patrick's School

(Held in Monsignor Purick Hall) 6 N. Clinton Avenue, Bay Shore

Wednesday, May 28 Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional School

2 St. John's Place, Center Moriches



About

Suffolk County Police will discuss how to respond appropriately to concerning statements about schools posted on social media, along with the potential consequences of making such posts. The session will also address what steps to take if you or your child sees or receives these types of comments online. An overview of the Suffolk County Police Department's investigation procedures will be provided.

Planning and practice keep schools safe. Schools are safe. It is important not to live in fear. We will talk about the difference between lockout and lockdown. It is easy to get the words mixed up especially in the height of a situation. The evening will end with information about the Suffolk County Police response and our roles in schools.

No registration required - all are welcome.



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE



PRAY WITH JESUS. WALK WITH JESUS.



Saturday, May 31 8:00 pm Our Holy Redeemer, Freeport

> Sunday, June 1 7:00 pm Maria Regina, Seaford

> Monday, June 2 7:00 pm Holy Family, Hicksville

Tuesday, June 3 7:00 pm Our Lady of Loretto, Hempstead

Wednesday, June 4 7:00 pm Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park

Thursday, June 5 7:00 pm Notre Dame, New Hyde Park

> Friday, June 6 7:00 pm St. Patrick, Glen Cove

Each night will have:

- Eucharistic Adoration
- Eucharistic Preaching and Catechesis
- Eucharistic Processions
- Nocturnal Adoration

SUFFOLK

Saturday, May 31 7:00 pm Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, South Hampton

Sunday, June 1 7:00 pm St. John the Baptist, Center Moriches

Monday, June 2 7:00 pm Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Patchogue

Tuesday, June 3 7:00 pm St. Patrick, Smithtown

Wednesday, June 4 7:00 pm St. Joseph, Babylon

Thursday, June 5 7:00 pm St. Anne, Brentwood

Friday, June 6 7:00 pm St. Philip Neri, Northport



Learn more and see the full schedule at drvc.org/congress

www.sspj.org

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with Guest Speakers:





Father Pierre Toussaint, CFR



Father Jose Diaz



Sister Mary

Gabriel. SV



Father Daniel Rivera





10AM-5:30PM

Saint Anthony's High School, South Huntington



Admission is free but registration is required.

All are invited for a day of prayer, catechesis, Adoration, and Holy Mass with Bishop John O. Barres. This congress will deepen devotion and equip attendees to share the graces of the Eucharist through inspiring talks, witness testimonies, worship, fellowship, and the culmination of the Eucharistic Pilgrimage. For registration, schedule, and more details, visit:

www.drvc.org/congress

Gospel Reflection

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year C

May 11, 2025

Gospel - John 10: 27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reflection Process

- Pray a simple prayer to the Holy Spirit: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."
- **Read** the passage slowly. As you listen, ask in silence, "Lord, what are you saying to me in this passage?"
- Listen for a word or phrase that calls your attention or touches your heart.
- Share a brief story or experience of how the word or phrase connects to your life at this moment.
- Ask in silence, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" Share what Jesus is inviting you to do.