

The Parish of Saints Philip and James

1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

631-584-5454

January 5, 2025 The Epiphany of the Lord



"The Adoration of the Magi," Edward Burne-Jones 1904, Musée d'Orsay, Paris, France.

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

MASS TIMES

Weekday 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM
Saturday 9:15 AM, 5 PM (Vigil)
Sunday 8 AM (Live-streaming via Facebook), 10:00 AM, 12 NOON

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4 – 5 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 1:30 – 7 PM

The Parish Directory

Parish Information



GENERAL INFORMATION

Phone Number (631) 584-5454
 Parish Fax 631-862-9675
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 Address 1 Carow Place,
 St. James, NY
 11780
 Office Hours Monday, Tuesday &
 Wednesday **9 AM-6 PM**
 Thursday **9 AM - 6 PM**

CLERGY

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

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Sr. Theresita Donach, CSFN

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Thanking you for your generosity
Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:
\$16,700
Weekly Collection: Sunday, December 29th, 2024:
 Collections from Weekend masses: \$11,069.00
 Mail Collections: \$. 00.00
 Faith Direct
 (126 Participants Weekly): \$ 3,374.00
Total Collection: \$14,443.00
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Sacraments and Sacramentals

SACRAMENTAL RECORDS

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

RCIA

For adults looking to become Catholic or receive Confirmation, email rcia@svsc.info to ask about our RCIA program. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (non-Catholic adults desiring to become Catholic) are asked to contact the Parish Center Office.



BAPTISM

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

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 8:00am mass please see the Sacristan before mass.

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 RCIA.

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



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The Pastoral Letter from Rev. Sean Magaldi

My Dear Friends in Jesus Christ and Our Blessed Mother,

Thank you for your prayers for the fruitfulness of the SEEK Conference. For those who are unaware, I was with around 50 students from Adelphi, Hofstra, Long Island University, and Stony Brook at the SEEK Conference in Washington, DC. The conference comes at a wonderful time as it overlaps with the feast of the Epiphany. We celebrate the Epiphany on Sunday, 1/5.

What does the feat of the Epiphany mean for us as Catholics? One of the meanings is that God reveals Himself in the person of Jesus Christ to all the nations, not just the Jewish people. We see this in the Wise Men from the East. The Wise Men were first drawn to Christ not by a prophet but by something natural: a star. When we examine the people at the birth of Jesus, we see all sorts of different people.

One of the beautiful things about the SEEK Conference is that I met people from all walks of life who came together to encounter Jesus. Like the shepherds and the Wise Men, students at the SEEK Conference are lifelong Catholics, recent converts, people questioning their beliefs, and everything in between. Christ is the light of the world, the light for all the world.

Christ continues to draw people to Himself. A reporter once asked Pope Benedict how many ways there are to get to God, and his answer was, "As many ways as there are people." God knows what we need to grow closer to Him, and in addition to the objective truths of our faith, God draws us to Himself in the ways that we specifically need. Thousands of students at the SEEK Conference came for different reasons, and many encountered Jesus on a deep level, some even in a way that would change their lives forever. Please pray for all students who attended SEEK, especially those from our diocese.

**In Christ,
Fr. Sean**

Altar Memorials, Prayer Intentions, Mass Intentions and Schedule

THE BREAD AND WINE ARE OFFERED IN MEMORY OF

Please contact the rectory at (631) 584-5454 to request a memorial.

THE PRO-LIFE ROSE IS DEDICATED TO

Please contact the rectory at (631) 584-5454 to request a memorial.

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THE SANCTURARY LAMP IS LIT IN MEMORY OF

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WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

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, Ann Bayard Michael Mattia, Michael Scorca Grayson Danielski, Alan Piscak, Ann Marie, Amanda Rose Critella, Amanda Cacoperdo Benito Fernandez, Brenden Toomey Carmela Montesano, Donna Fabrizio David Beleck, Brittany Lundberg Ed Ceraso, Edward Luna, Jessie Lokai John V Leone, Kathleen Martin, Kerry Larry Baldwin, Mia Mednick Patrice Henry Rose Bruno, Rob Remhild Ronnie Reichert, Raymond Grayson Stephanie Seban, Tina Cafaro, Tonia Perdue, Joan Cooper, Tim Tippet, Baby Luca, Madeline Kelley

<i>Saturday, January 4th</i>	Reconciliation 4:00-5:00pm Cantor: LoCastro Lector: Drechsler/Thompson EMs: Duffy/Sisti/Anderson/Ruggieri/Byrne	9:15am 5:00pm	Giovanni LoRusso Joseph Caltabiano
<i>Sunday, January 5th</i>	Cantor: Lupinacci Lector: Cavooris/Marino EMs: Kenney/Dervan/Diaz/McGrath/La Serra Cantor: Hill Lector: Contrino/Carey EMs: Rizzo/Calderone/Consenz/Amen/Luna/Sotomayer Cantor: Cazzaniga Lector: Kenton/Cullen EMs: Napolitano/Conti/Stack/Suski	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	For the People of SSPJ Parish Maria Fazio <u>Collective Mass</u> Joseph M. Winters, James Hickey
<i>Monday, January 6th</i>	Adoration 1:30-7:00pm In the Church	7:30am	Anthony Correya
<i>Tuesday, January 7th</i>		9:15pm 7:30am	Peter Portanova Thomas Drechsler
<i>Wednesday, January 8th</i>		9:15pm 7:30am	Joseph Bitet Frances Sexton & Vera & Vincent Mulvehill Rev. Douglas Arcoleo (Living)
<i>Thursday, January 9th</i>		7:30am 9:15pm	Thomas Drechsler For the Souls in Purgatory
<i>Friday, January 10th</i>		7:30am 9:15pm	Thomas Drechsler Peter Ravel
<i>Saturday, January 11th</i>	Reconciliation 4:00-5:00pm Cantor: McCulloh Lector: Burke/Student Lector EMs: Taurassi/Drechsler/Duffy/Toto/Ruggieri	9:15am 5:00pm	Kathleen Rooman Patricia Casey
<i>Sunday, January 12th</i>	Cantor: Meringolo Lector: Waldmann/Tomasino EMs: Rizzo/Ramos/Sica/Tully/Tully Cantor: Lupinacci Lector: Sehne/DeRosa EMs: Suski/Keane/Luna/Conti/Napolitano/Mulhall Cantor: Hill Lector: Doran/Farrell EMs: Samson/Latino/Bleggi/Orlando	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	For the People of SSPJ Parish Carol Walz <u>Collective Mass</u> Geraldine May Mueller Robert & William Somerville

A Weekly Reflection from Sr. Theresita Donach, CSFN

My Dear Friends,

And so we are now into the new year. Since I had the privilege of being in Rome for the opening of the Jubilee Year of Hope, I thought I would share with you part of the message Pope Francis gave at the opening of the Holy Door. Some of you may have heard it and some may have read his message, but I think it is worth repeating as we enter into this exciting yet challenging time in our history. May the words of our Holy Father stir into flame a desire to become pilgrims of hope.

Dear sisters and brothers, happy Christmas!

The mystery that never ceases to amaze and move us was renewed this night: the Virgin Mary gave birth to Jesus, the Son of God, wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger. That is how the shepherds of Bethlehem, filled with joy, found him, as the angels sang: “Glory to God and peace to men” (cf. Lk 2:6-14). Peace to men and women.

This event, which took place over two thousand years ago, is indeed made new thanks to the Holy Spirit, the same Spirit of Love and Life who made fruitful the womb of Mary and from her human flesh formed Jesus. Today, amid the travail of our times, the eternal Word of salvation is once more truly made incarnate, and speaks to every man and woman, to the whole world. This is the message: “I love you, I forgive you; come back to me, the door of my heart is open for you!”

Brothers and sisters, the door of God’s heart is always open; let us return to him! Let us go back to the heart that loves and forgives us! Let us be forgiven by him; let us be reconciled with him! God always forgives! God forgives everything. Let us allow ourselves to be forgiven by him. This is the meaning of the Holy Door of the Jubilee, which I opened last night here in Saint Peter’s Basilica: it represents Jesus, the Door of salvation open for all. Jesus is the Door; the Door that the Father of mercies has opened in the midst of our world, in the midst of history, so that all of us can return to him. We are all like lost sheep; we need a Shepherd and a Door to return to the house of the Father. Jesus is that Shepherd; Jesus is the Door.

Brothers and sisters, do not be afraid! The Door is open, the door is wide open! There is no need to knock on the door. It is open. Come! Let us be reconciled with God, and then we will be reconciled with ourselves and able to be reconciled with one another, even our enemies. God’s mercy can do all things. It unties every knot; it tears down every wall of division; God’s mercy dispels hatred and the spirit of revenge. Come! Jesus is the Door of Peace.

Often we halt at the threshold of that Door; we lack the courage to cross it, because it challenges us to examine our lives. Entering through that Door calls for the sacrifice involved in taking a step forward, a small sacrifice. Taking a step towards something so great calls us to leave behind our disputes and divisions, and surrendering ourselves to the outstretched arms of the Child who is the Prince of Peace. This Christmas, at the beginning of the Jubilee Year, I invite every individual, and all peoples and nations, to find the courage needed to walk through that Door, to become pilgrims of hope, to silence the sound of arms and overcome divisions!

Take some time this week and reflect on what our Pope is asking of us, of you. It can be a very Hope filled time if we but cross over into the open door of God’s Love.

**Till next week,
Sister Theresita**

HOW TO OBTAIN THE JUBILEE INDULGENCE



1.



Detachment from
all sin, even venial

2.



Sacramental
confession



Holy
Communion



One Our Father for the
intentions of the pope

The conditions in number 2 can be fulfilled a few days before or after performing the works below to gain the indulgence, but it is appropriate that Communion and the prayer take place on the same day that the work is completed.

Complete one of the following six works:



Undertake a pious pilgrimage to one of the Diocesan Sacred Sites and completing one of the following:

- devoutly participating in Holy Mass or the Anointing of the Sick
- a celebration of the Word of God;
- the Liturgy of the Hours
- the Way of the Cross;
- the Marian Rosary;
- a penitential celebration, which ends with the individual confessions of the penitents.



Carry out a corporal or spiritual work of mercy



Carry out a work of Penance

Such as abstaining, fasting, donating money to the poor, by supporting works of a religious or social nature, especially in support of the defence, protection and quality of life in all its phases, or by volunteering free time to activities that are of service to the community.



By devoutly visiting one of the Diocesan Sacred Sites

For a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, concluding with the Our Father, the Apostles Creed, and the Hail Mary.



Participate in Missions, Spiritual Exercises or formation activities,

with a devout spirit, on the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, held in a church or other suitable place.



Those who are sick or cannot participate for serious reasons, can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence

If, united in spirit with the faithful taking part in person, they recite the Our Father, the Apostles Creed and the Jubilee Prayer, offering up their sufferings or the hardships of their lives.

YEAR OF PRAYER
2024



SSPJ Youth Group Meeting

All 7th -9th Graders Are Welcome!

Date: Saturday, January 11th

Youth Group Meeting: 3:30pm-4:45pm. Followed by the 5pm Mass.

Please RSVP to Sandy at srago@sspj.org



SSPJ Youth Group cleaned and polished the Church pews in preparation for Christmas. We're looking forward to our next Youth Group event.



Parish Social Ministry

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

Please contact the Office of Parish Social ministry, (631) 584-5454 to request a memorial.

Lorraine Sofarelli



CARE FOR CREATION

"Believers must constantly be challenged to live in a way consonant with their faith and not to contradict it by their actions. Inner peace is closely related to care for ecology and for the common good, because, lived out authentically, it is reflected in a balanced lifestyle together with a capacity for wonder which takes us to a deeper understanding of life".

-Pope Francis



PRAYER BLANKETS

Will be blessed at the 12:00 Noon Mass today, January 5, 2025



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

SENIORS

The next meeting of the Seniors will be on January 13, 2025, from 1:30-3:30. Please join us for an afternoon of faith, friendship, and fun.

OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Thanks to your generosity, we are fully stocked now.



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.

The Respect Life Committee wishes all a Blessed and Holy New Year! May the graces we receive during this holy and joy filled time of year fill you with the peace of our Blessed Lord's gift of Himself. May you be inspired to join us in the prayer room of the Church at 8 AM, M-F to pray the rosary to protect all in need of God's love!

THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS BEGINS

When the carols have been stilled, When the star-topped tree is taken down, When family and friends are gone home, When we are back to our schedules The work of Christmas begins: To welcome the refugee, To heal a broken planet, To feed the hungry, To build bridges of trust, not walls of fear, To share our gifts, To seek justice and peace for all people, To bring Christ's light to the world.

by Michael Dougherty, a variation on Howard Thurman's 'When the Song of the Angels is Stilled'

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

You are never alone

AA 24 Hour Hotline	631-669-1124
Al-Anon	631-669-2827
Birthingright	631-821-9727
Child Abuse	800-342-3720
Dept. of Social Services	631-854-2300
Domestic Violence (Brighter Tomorrow)	631-395-1800
(Vibes)	631-360-3607
(The Retreat)	631-329-2200
LI Against Domestic Violence	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



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2024 2025
HOLY HOURS
for
VOCATIONS

LOCATIONS

09.13 St. Patrick
BAY SHORE

01.16 St. Elizabeth
MELVILLE
*Thursday

10.18 Notre Dame
NEW HYDE PARK

02.07 St. Dominic
OYSTER BAY

11.15 Infant Jesus
PORT JEFFERSON

03.07 St. John
the Evangelist
CENTER MORICHES

12.13 St. Joseph
GARDEN CITY

04.11 Christ the King
COMMACK

05.30 Our Lady of the
Miraculous Medal
POINT LOOKOUT



drvcvocations.com DOORS AT 7:00PM | BEGINS AT 7:30PM

Music Ministry

WEEKLY REFLECTION FROM MUSIC DIRECTOR MARGARET ADAMS

Today is the Epiphany of the Lord. The wise men visit Jesus. We sing We Three Kings as our Gathering and the First Noel at Communion. All speak of the story of the wise men.

Sing loud and strong as we continue singing Christmas Carols.

Thank you to all in the music ministry for all your hard work and dedication in this ministry. Advent and Christmas were truly blessed with the musical sounds of our ministry.

Have you made your new year resolutions??

How about joining the Music Ministry? Just think of all the fun you will have while praising God through music. Talk to me, Margaret Adams or one of the choir members, for more information.

A Blessed and Happy New Year to all

SSPJ Faith Sharing Group



Would you like to experience a more peaceful, joyful, and meaningful Advent than you have before?

Join us as we journey through the season, exploring scripture with engaging videos, readings, prayer, and discussion. We will be using the book *Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture* by Fr. Mark Toups. It follows the Sunday scripture readings with short daily reflections, prayers, and space for you to record your own thoughts. Books are available (\$10) from Sr. Theresita at the parish center office; call 631-584-5454 with any questions.

New and returning members are welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings in the Bethany Center from 10:00 - 11:00.

The Faith Sharing Group will resume meeting on Wednesday January 15th in the Bethany Center from 10:00 - 11:00. All are welcome. We wish you all a blessed and grace-filled Christmas season!

Thank you for your patience and grace as the SSPJ Bulletins goes through a makeover in the coming weeks.

For anyone who believes they have a Sexual Abuse Claim against an Additional Debtor (parish) arising prior to December 3, 2024, the claim form to submit and related information can be found at <https://dm.epiq11.com/case/drvc/info> under the "Proof of Claim Form" heading. The deadline for filing claims is January 13, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. prevailing Eastern time.

Religious Education

Jan. 11 - the 7th and 8th grade Mass at 5 pm

Jan. 12 - 3rd and 4th grade Mass at 10 am

Jan. 13 - 5th Grade Reconciliation at 5:30- 6:30

Jan. 15 - Nicene Creed Mass (a requirement for 8th grade Confirmation students) 7pm



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- ★ Approximately 25,000 students served
- ★ 35 Catholic elementary schools in network

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~ THF 24-25 Scholarship Recipient

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516-745-7611

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EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

BEHOLD 2025

**PENTECOST
SUNDAY**

LOCATION
ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL
SOUTH HUNTINGTON, NY

JUNE 8



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Thought of leaving or divorce? • Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

No Marriage is Beyond Hope.

My Weekly Gospel Reflection for Grades 1-3

MY NAME IS _____ MY GRADE IS _____ SSPJ SCHOOL _____

Please bring this to mass with you next weekend.



My Weekly Gospel Reflection for Grades 4-6

MY NAME IS _____ MY GRADE IS _____ SSPJ SCHOOL _____

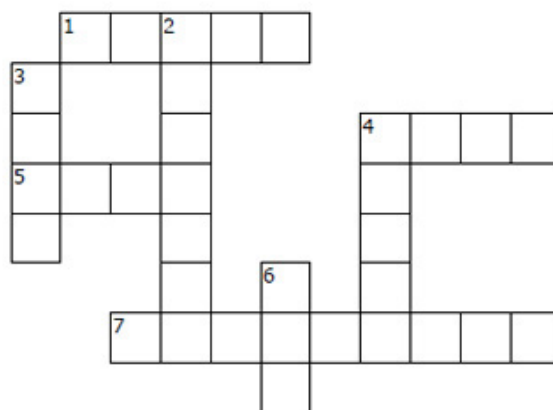
Please bring this to mass with you next weekend.

Is Christmas Really Over?

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:12 (NIV)

Based on John 1:10-18



ACROSS

1. The earth and all its inhabitants
4. The place where a person lives
5. A word or words that a person is known by
7. To know someone because you have seen them before

DOWN

2. To get or be given something
3. Male descendants
4. A man, woman, or child; a person
6. The creator of and ruler of the earth and its people

SONS	RECOGNIZE	NAME	HUMAN
GOD	HOME	WORLD	RECEIVE

My Weekly Gospel Reflection for Grades 7-8

MY NAME IS _____ MY GRADE IS _____ SSPJ SCHOOL _____

Please bring this to mass with you next weekend.

Is Christmas Really Over?

Complete the sentences by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the page. You can check your answers in John 1:10-18 (NIV)



He was in the _____, and though the world was made through him, the world did not _____ him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not _____ him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his _____, he gave the right to become _____ of God -- children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The _____ became _____ and made his _____ among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of _____ and _____.

John 10:10-18 (NIV)

children name	recognize Word	world dwelling	truth grace	flesh receive
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"If people spent an hour a week in Eucharistic adoration, abortion would be ended."

- St. Teresa of Calcutta



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Gospel Reflection

The Baptism of the Lord - Year C

January 12, 2025

Gospel - Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The people were filled with expectation,
and all were asking in their hearts
whether John might be the Christ.
John answered them all, saying,
"I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

After all the people had been baptized
and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,
heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him
in bodily form like a dove.
And a voice came from heaven,
"You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased."

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.