

The Parish of Saints Philip and James

1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

631-584-5454

January 26, 2025 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Christ in the Realm of the Dead, Joakim Skovgaard, 1891-1894,
SMK - Statens Museum for Kunst, Kobenhavn, Denmark.*

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
Website www.sspj.org
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

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Sr. Theresita Donach, CSFN

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Sheila Cavouris

*Thanking you for your generosity
Financial Support Needed weekly to
meet Parish budget: \$16,700*

Weekly Collection: Sunday, January 19th, 2025:

Collections from Weekend masses: \$10,404.00

Faith Direct
(126 Participants Weekly): \$ 3,250.00

Collection for Snow Removal \$3,250.00

Total Collection: \$16,060.00

FAITH DIRECT:

**VISIT SSPJ.ORG CLICK ON FAITH DIRECT ICON
USING 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.

OCIA

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



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



LCDR. MEGAN M. SHUTKA-VIK, USN CAPT. WILSON MARKS- USN CAPT. MICHAEL T. DOLAN- JR. -D.O, US ARMY
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 CHRISTOPHER A. HIONIDIS-USAF MICHAEL HIONIDIS, USM EMMETT MOLONEY -USN
 HANK MOLONEY—USAF CARL JOSEPHSON-USAF DANIEL JOSEPHSON-USAF CONNOR TOOMEY, USM LT.
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The Pastoral Letter from Rev. Sean Magaldi

My Dear Friends in Jesus Christ and Our Blessed Mother,

On Monday, 1/20, I was at St. Agnes Cathedral for Solemn Evening Prayer, celebrating St. Agnes. She is a second-century martyr who gave her life for Jesus. During Evening Prayer, one of the antiphones mentioned having an undivided heart for Jesus. It gave me pause to think about what divides my heart.

Fr. Christopher Heller preached at the celebration Monday night, and he mentioned that St. Agnes had the same baptism as us, the same Holy Spirit, which means we have all we need to be saints. What prevents us from being close to Christ is often things we perceive to be more critical. Our "everyday life" gets in the way of our spiritual life. Earthly desires and responsibilities divide our hearts and make us forget our spiritual responsibilities.

The things of the world often provide immediate satisfaction and, therefore, take our attention away from Christ. We make time for things that make us feel better or comfort us rather than make time for Jesus. Our relationship with Christ takes work, and we want to identify what distracts us from Him.

At night's end, a brief examination of conscience can help us. We can sit down and invite the Holy Spirit to guide our prayer. Then, we can slowly walk through our day. We ask the Holy Spirit to remind us in the moments during the day we were with God that we were aware of His presence. Then, we ask the Holy Spirit to remind us of the moments we weren't with God, that we chose other things over Him. As we become aware of the distractions that divide our hearts, we ask the Lord to help us and give us the strength to choose Him over earthly things. We ask to be like St. Agnes and have an undivided heart for Christ.

**In Christ,
Fr. Sean**

Altar Memorials, Prayer Intentions, Mass Intentions and Schedule

THE BREAD AND WINE ARE OFFERED IN MEMORY OF

Deacon Ron Blasius for all his years of love and devotion to his family and Saint Philip and James Parish.

THE PRO-LIFE ROSE IS DEDICATED TO

Bridget Carey Smith as she awaits the birth of her twins.

THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE BURNING IN MEMORY OF

Dolly Passaro

THE SANCTURARY LAMP IS LIT IN MEMORY OF

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

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, Diane Toto, Phillip Giarrupeto

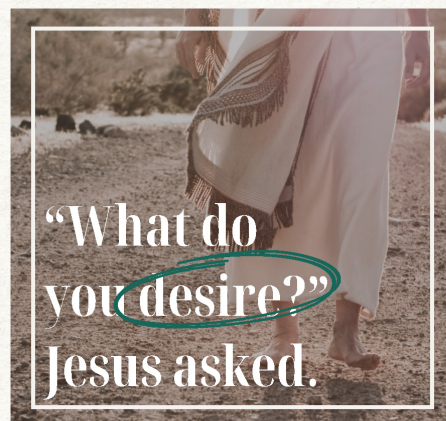
<i>Saturday, January 25th</i>	Reconciliation 4:00-5:00pm Cantor: Murtha Lector: Morosky/Student Lector EMs: Rapp/Duffy/Sisti/Byrne/Toto	9:15am 5:00pm	Tara Routi Ronald Redmond
<i>Sunday, January 26th</i>	Cantor: Stefanowski Lector: Dervan/White EMs: Czujko/Kenney/Koke/La Serra/ Tully Cantor: Hill Lector: Student Lector/Student Lector EMs: Luna/McKie/Clarke/Keane/Amen/Sotomayer Cantor: Lohmann Lector: Hoffmann/Hurlbert EMs: Latino/Stack/Bleggi/Kalcita Jr.	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	For the People of SSPJ Parish Thomas Focone <u>Collective Mass</u> Dolly Passaro, Joseph Wilk, Dcn. Ron Blasius, Richard Lutjen, Lauren Orlando, Richard Cooper
<i>Monday, January 27th</i>	Adoration 1:30-7:00pm In the Church	7:30am	William Lord
<i>Tuesday, January 28th</i>		9:15pm 7:30am	Kenneth Maher, Jr. Kenneth Maher, Jr.
<i>Wednesday, January 29th</i>		9:15pm 7:30am	Martin S. Rizzo Kenneth Maher, Jr.
<i>Thursday, January 30th</i>		9:15pm 7:30am	Anthony Farrice James Patrick Winters <u>Collective Mass</u>
<i>Friday, January 31st</i>		9:15pm 7:30am	Norman Kunze, Joseph Contrino Thomas Drechsler
<i>Saturday, February 1st</i>	Reconciliation 4:00-5:00pm Cantor: Please Call The Rectory Lector: Pileri/Student Lector EMs: Mantia/Duffy/Ruggieri/Toto/Urce	9:15am 5:00pm	Alfred Devendorf Antonieta Corcio Victoria Fox
<i>Sunday, February 2nd</i>	Cantor: Please Call The Rectory Lector: Koke/Kieran EMs: Rizzo/McGrath/Chilton/Portanova/Ramos Cantor: Please Call The Rectory Lector: Doran/Lombardi EMs: Luna/McKie/Mulhall/Orlando/Parish/Amen Cantor: Please Call The Rectory Lector: Just/Latino EMs: Calderone/Margaret/Bleggi/Kalcita, Jr.	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	For the People of SSPJ Parish Maria Fazio <u>Collective Mass</u> Martin Caltabiano, Dennis Harnett, Gudys Vines, Nina Buscemi, Kenneth Maher, Jr.

A Weekly Reflection from Sr. Theresita Donach, CSFN

Dear Friends,

Finally, a snow day! Did some of you want to stay in bed all cozied up with a book? Or perhaps, binge watch a season of The Chosen? Or is skiing or snowboarding your thing? Then there are the practical people, who used it to catch up on work items. What did you want to do, what was your desire?

“What do you desire?” Jesus asked. Another translation read “What are you after?” These were the first words spoken by Him. No great teaching or exhortation, no sermon or declaration of who He was, just a simple question. Since those words began occupying my thoughts, I wondered what it might have meant to the Apostles back then, and to me today. Somehow, it must have challenged the Apostles, as they had to look inward and ask themselves that same question. At the time, the answers may have varied and perhaps changed over time. For me, it has been an ongoing question.



Deciding to live my life as a Sister of the Holy Family of Nazareth some 61 years ago was the answer to that question. The answer has changed as time has passed and life changed with its joys, challenges, and personal growth. The good news is that the answer is always evolving and making changes to who I am. I think that is why Jesus asked the Apostles that question, so they could look inward and discover themselves. I am grateful for the opportunities that I have had to answer that question differently.

With that in mind, I want to share with you a memory from when I was living in Des Plaines. I had the privilege to work with groups of students from Alleghany College. Each January, on the last week of the vacation, they came to offer a week of service with and for us in our home. Those were grace-filled years, and I am blessed to have had them. I was thinking that they may have asked themselves the question ‘What do you desire?’ or ‘what are you after?’ with the simple response ‘to participate in a week of service with my friends.’ I want to share with you some of their thoughts after the week.

THE COMMENTS REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

“This trip taught me about the value of going outside of my comfort zone. The entire time we were going over the schedule for the week a lot of the activities were not what I was expecting. You could say that I was a nervous wreck. I honestly was not sure how I was going to survive so far out of my comfort zone. After pushing myself, I found myself growing...”

“I have been reminded of how much God loves me and been able to learn a little more about myself, I am grateful for the wonderful people we have met here and cannot thank you enough for opening your home and heart to us.”

“We all have a journey to take, and the destination is only the ending – how we get there is what will define us once we reach it.”

“I prayed that God would give me a sign that what I was doing He had planned for me. Lo and behold, while I was sorting clothing donated to Brother Michael, I found an Introductory to Biochemistry book. It just happens that is my major. Like Sister T says, “God really has a sense of humor!”

“Being here this week has meant more to me than I could put into words. Everything from the energy I felt when I walked through the doors to the spirits that have touched my heart. Something I heard earlier in the week is how we could turn the corner tomorrow and meet someone that changes our life forever and this is exactly what I felt happened to me this week.”

What about you? What do you desire? What are you after? What do you want? Take the time to do some soul searching and see if you have an answer, or if the answer you already had has changed over the years. You may just be surprised!

**Till next week,
Sister Theresita**

SSPJ School and Parish - Come Join Us For



Saturday, February 8, 2025

SSPJ Auditorium

Doors Open at 6:00 PM

Games start at 6:30 PM

Join us for 10 games full of fun and great prizes

Pre-order Pizza ~ Snacks & Water available for purchase

50/50 Raffle!

RSVP by February 6th to hold your spot!

Questions?? Contact - danderson@sspjschool.net

SSPJ Family Bingo February 8, 2025

Family Name : _____

Number of books (ten games in one book) _____ \$10 per book - Total _____

Slices of Pizza _____ \$3.00 per slice - Total _____

Pizza Pie _____ \$20 - Total _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Cash/Checks payable to SSPJ School

SSPJ Youth Group Meeting

All 7th -9th Graders Are Welcome!

Date: Saturday, March 1st

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

Please RSVP to Sandy at srago@sspj.org



Our January Youth Group Meeting focused on celebration. We made 15 Birthday Boxes which were donated to the Gerald Ryan Outreach Center in Wyandanch.



Our next meeting will be on Saturday, March 1st. All 7th-9th Graders are welcome!



RCIA or OCIA ?

As we head into a very visible and active time for the members of the OCIA candidates, let me fill you in a little about why the change in name.

- The transition from **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** to **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)** in the Catholic Church reflects an effort to improve clarity and consistency in how the initiation process is understood and practiced. This change was mandated by the Vatican and aligns with the official Latin text of the Church's documents.
- The term **"Order"** better reflects the nature of the process as a structured liturgical journey within the Church. **"Rite" might have implied a singular event**, whereas **"Order" emphasizes that initiation involves a series of steps, rituals, and formation stages.**
- The change encourages a deeper focus on the spiritual and communal aspects of the initiation process, reminding everyone involved that this is more than preparation for sacraments—it is a holistic journey of conversion and discipleship.
- While the name has changed, the fundamental purpose of the process remains the same: to welcome and guide adults into full communion with the Catholic Church.

-Sr. Theresita Donach, CSFN

Congratulations to Our Newly Baptized Catholics!



Ruby Camila Quadrino with parents and celebrant Fr. Joe. Baptised on January 18, 2025



Riley Alexis Denicker with mom and celebrant Fr. Joe. Baptised on January 18, 2025

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.

Patrick Joseph O'Donnell

Carolyn McMahon

Allen M. Seeley, Jr.

CARE FOR CREATION

God speaks through all creation. Our challenge is to learn how to listen—and to respond with a resounding “Yes.”

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.

To quote Shawn Carney of 40 Days for Life, “It is not sufficient to oppose abortion, but to do all that is necessary to respect the gift of life and to assist mom’s, accompanying them with friendship and encouragement, offering spiritual guidance providing necessary resources!”

Please check the list in Katie’s Way for suggestions for items needed and try to join us in prayer at least one day a week saying the rosary.



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:

Tuna in Water
Canned Chef Boyardee
Canned Chickpeas
Prego Sauce



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)	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

Requirements for Obtaining a Plenary Indulgence for the Jubilee Year of Hope

- Visit the Jubilee Cross at St. Agnes Cathedral
- Make a Sacramental Confession shortly before or after the visit to the Jubilee Cross
- Be spiritually detached from sin
- Receive Jesus truly present in the Holy Eucharist
- Pray for the Holy Father and his intentions

“This is the Jubilee. This is the season of hope in which we are invited to rediscover the joy of meeting the Lord.”

POPE FRANCIS

Religious Education

Feb. 1, 2025 – Second grade Reconciliation will be held in the Church.

Feb. 8, 2025 – 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat

Feb. 9, 2025 – There will be a Mass for our 1st and 2nd graders at 10 am followed by a Hospitality Breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

The Catholic Daughters are hosting their Valentine's Day Bake Sale on , 2/8 and 2/9, in the School Lobby after all Masses.

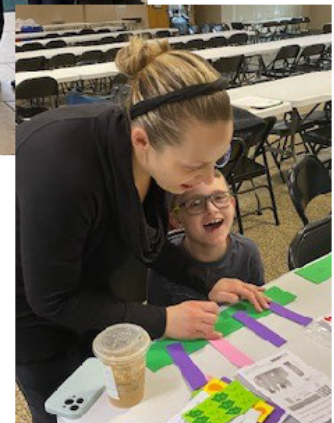
Everyone *NeEds* Jesus program

Each Saturday, seventeen children and their families gather and receive the word of God in each other and in their hearts.

We ask that you remember these awesome children and their families in your prayers as four students will be receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion and three students will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation in April.

In service to our Lord, the children prepared gifts of necessities for Pax Christi Hospitality center . Ever mindful of their brothers and sisters in need, they serve the Lord in many magnificent ways.

If you should have any questions regarding this amazing program, kindly contact the religious education ministry.



Music Ministry

WEEKLY REFLECTION FROM MUSIC DIRECTOR MARGARET ADAMS

Word of God Sunday- today's focus is fulfilled in our living. Jesus didn't just proclaim Isaiah's words from the gospel but he went out and lived them. We are called to do the same. We are one body in this one Lord as our Communion hymn, One Bread One Body says.

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.

Religious Education Students in 7th and 8th Grade Recently Polished the Pews of the Church



Danielle Campbell from the Catholic Faith Network came to SSPJ to do a focus piece on our 8th graders.

You can watch it on CFN On-Demand. I am very proud of our students! They are wonderful young adults, great speakers, volunteers...the list goes on. We are pioneers in starting our students as church lectors.

Enjoy this video, share it with your family and friends!

<https://vimeopro.com/user98187253/catholic-faith-network-cfn/video/1047509288>

Our segment starts at 29:00



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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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Scout Sunday

Scout Sunday is being celebrated
Feb 9th
at the 10am Mass at SSPJ.

This will be for local BSA cub scout
packs and troops.

Scouts should come dressed in
class A uniform.



5 STEPS SAFE ADULTS CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUTH ONLINE



1 Maintain open and ongoing
communication about social media
and online interactions

2 Monitor technology use
(trust but verify)

3 Set and enforce
boundaries for utilization
of social media and tech

4 Educate yourself on the
latest trends and potential
risks

5 Inform children and youth they
can always tell you if someone
makes them feel scared,
uncomfortable or unsafe online



www.virtus.org



THINKING ABOUT CATHOLIC EDUCATION?

Schedule a visit for your child(ren) to spend a morning at SSPJ.
For more information, email Ms. Anderson at danderson@sspjschool.net

Come Experience our Special Community for a day!



Faith



Academics



Values



Excellence



Family



Friends

REGISTER NOW



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Our Family Prayer Intention - Feburary 2025

**YOUR PRAYERS WILL BE OFFERED TO JESUS DURING ALL MASSES THIS MONTH.
LOOK FOR THEM BESIDE THE TABERNACLE,
PEASE OFFER YOUR INTENTION AT MASS NEXT WEEKEND:**

Please bring this to mass with you next weekend.

Family/Student Names and Grade Level/SSPJ School



Who do you know that might need some special love, some kindness, or a smile to cheet them? Together as a family we iffer them in our prayers...

Gospel Reflection

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - Year C

February 2, 2025

Gospel - Luke 2: 22-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reflection Process

- ◆ Pray to the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ Read the Gospel.
- ◆ Choose an echo (a phrase that calls your attention or speaks to the heart).
- ◆ Think about a story or an experience of why you chose that echo.
- ◆ Make a short prayer of promise (something practical you are going to do as a result of reflecting on this Gospel.)