

The Parish of Saints Philip and James

1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

631-584-5454

February 2, 2025

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord



The Presentation of the Lord, Unknown,

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Rosary Walk and Garden, Washington, DC.

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 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

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 cczujko@sspj.org
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DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES

John Cordes

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Principal Diane M. Anderson
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 Cynthia Lombardi Paul Damato
 Lisa Keane Maureen Burke
 Nancy Sanders Peter Suski
 Sheila Cavooris

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

Weekly Collection: Sunday, January 26th, 2025:

Collections from Weekend masses: \$12,055.30
 Faith Direct
 (126 Participants Weekly): \$ 3,374.00
 Collection for A Church in Need: \$3,250.00
Total Collection: \$18,679.30

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, LT. COL. JOHN KAIRE, 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. CORY O'HARA -USMC, SGT. CONNOR F. SCOTT- USMC, PFC. CHARLES CHRISTOPHER HOWELL, STEVEN CAVA-USN. ERIC SEELIN- USMC, CW2 CHRIS MUNZ, CW2 NATASHA WORTMAN, CORPORAL JAMES T. CASEY-USMC, SGT. JOSHUA MAHONEY- US ARMY, KEVIN JONES-USCG, PRIVATE JOSHUA OLSEN-USARNG, GLEN CRIMA-US ARMY, LARISSA DORRIAN, US MARINE CPL, RYAN ANTHONY NASCIMENTO-USMC, KYLE ANTHONY NASCIMENTO-US ARMY, ENS. RYAN M. SHOWS -USN, STAFF SGT. RYAN REXRODE-USMC, DR. KARA VANDEKIEFT, COL.-USAF, SGT. STEPHEN D. OUTCAULT-USMC, PAUL MUMOLO-USN, VICTORIA ZEMAN, USCG, KYLE J. GRUNER -US ARMY, MARK GIORDANO—US COASTGUARD, KELLI MCLAUGHLIN- LT. US ARMY NATL.GUARD, 1 LT MICHAEL J BANG -MILITARY INTELLIGENCE US ARMY, MATTHEW PATRICK GALLAGHER US ARMY, LT. COMMANDER CHRISTOPHER SHANK MD, MARIO CATANIA-USMC, MIDN ERIN NICASTRO, USNA, MLDN KATE NICASTRO, USNA, MAJ. BRENDAN JOHNSTON-USAF, CHRISTOPHER A. HIONIDIS-USAF, MICHAEL HIONIDIS, USM, EMMETT MOLONEY -USN, HANK MOLONEY—USAF, CARL JOSEPHSON-USAF, DANIEL JOSEPHSON-USAF, CONNOR TOOMEY, USM LT., SAMANTHA JOSEPHSON-USAF, RICHARD WULFORST, III USA ANG, JAMES A KOESTER, USA 2ND LT.

The Pastoral Letter from Rev. Sean Magaldi

My Dear Friends in Jesus Christ and Our Blessed Mother,

On Friday, January 31st, we celebrated the feast day of St. John Bosco. St. Bosco, colloquially known as Don Bosco was a priest in Italy who worked with "street children" or juvenile delinquents. He worked with young people struggling with poverty and those suffering the effects of industrialization and urbanization. One way St. Bosco got the attention of the young people was through juggling, magic tricks, and various other performances.

Why do I share this story? We are all called to evangelize other people and share the Joy of the Gospel with them. We must understand that when we share our love for Jesus with others, we don't see the other person as a project to work on. Instead, they are people with their own story. We don't want to force what is essential to us on them. St. John Bosco was able to learn what the children he worked with liked and was able to preach the Gospel that way.

When we interact with others who don't know Jesus, rather than tell them they should come to Mass, go to confession, or whatever we want them to know, getting to know their story and interests should be a priority. We don't learn about them to deceive them into knowing about Jesus; we learn about them to develop an authentic friendship. As the person begins to know we care, we can share important things with them, especially our faith. Sometimes, the Spirit will move us to talk about Jesus to people we just met. I'm not discouraging doing that, but for people we see regularly, it is better to befriend them and let them know we care about them before we preach to them. It's a delicate balance of when to share our faith and when to wait, but when we bring that to prayer, God will reveal His will to us, just like He did to St. John Bosco.

**In Christ,
Fr. Sean**

Altar Memorials, Prayer Intentions, Mass Intentions and Schedule

**THE BREAD AND WINE ARE OFFERED
IN MEMORY OF**
Thomas Drechsler

THE PRO-LIFE ROSE IS DEDICATED TO
John Daniel Heneghan

**THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE BURNING IN
MEMORY OF**

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

**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, Saverio Graziano

<i>Saturday, February 1st</i>	Reconciliation 4:00-5:00pm	9:15am	Antonietta Corcio
	Cantor: Murtha Lector: Pileri/Student Lector EMs: Mantia/Duffy/Ruggieri/Toto/Urcce	5:00pm	Victoria Fox
<i>Sunday, February 2nd</i>	Cantor: Please Meringolo Lector: Koke/Kieran EMs: Rizzo/McGrath/Chilton/Portanova/Ramos	8:00am	For the People of SSPJ Parish
	Cantor: Hill Lector: Doran/Lombardi EMs: Luna/McKie/Mulhall/Orlando/Parish/Amen	10:00am	Maria Fazio
	Cantor: Hill Lector: Just/Latino EMs: Calderone/Margaret/Bleggi/Kalcita, Jr.	12:00pm	<u>Collective Mass</u> Martin Caltabiano, Dennis Harnett, Gudys Vines, Nina Buscemi, Kenneth Maher, Jr., Dennis Harnett
	Adoration 1:30-7:00pm In the Church	7:30am	Ralfie Noce
<i>Monday, February 3rd</i>		9:15am	William Sammon
		7:30am	Thomas Drechsler
<i>Tuesday, February 4th</i>		9:15am	Grace Riccio
		7:30am	Allen M. Seeley
<i>Wednesday, February 5th</i>		9:15am	Thomas E. Schuman
		7:30am	Thomas Drechsler
<i>Thursday, February 6th</i>		9:15am	For the Pope
		7:30am	John Croke
<i>Friday, February 7th</i>		9:15am	Msgr. Brian McNamara (Living)
		7:30am	John Croke
<i>Saturday, February 8th</i>	Reconciliation 4:00-5:00pm	9:15am	Robert V. DeAngelis
	Cantor: McCulloh Lector: Doran/Student Lector EMs: Licari/Sisti/Anderson/Ruggieri/Drechsler	5:00pm	Madeline Haggerly
<i>Sunday, February 9th</i>	Cantor: Stefanowski Lector: Marino/Farrell EMs: Kenney/Czujko/Sehne/Tully/Tully	8:00am	For the People of SSPJ Parish
	Cantor: Lupinacci Lector: Luna/Hoffmann EMs: Napolitano/Conti/Parish/Mulhall/Orlando/Consenz	10:00am	Victoria Fox
	Cantor: Please Lupinacci Lector: Rubano/Geier EMs: Stack/Samson/Margaret/Chilton	12:00pm	<u>Collective Mass</u> Thomas Drechsler, Connie & Ignatius Gibaldi, Ken Maher, Jr., Barbara Savino, Robert Craine, James Motto

A Weekly Reflection from Sr. Theresita Donach, CSFN

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of January! I am still enjoying the afterglow of being in Rome with my Sisters for Christmas, the opening of the Jubilee Year, and New Years. A friend recently gave me a Jubilee Year of Hope booklet from Twenty-Third Publications. I would like to share with you some of Pope Francis' thoughts and challenges.

Pope Francis has called us to be 'Pilgrims of Hope.' He is asking us to 'be passionate about life and commit ourselves to caring lovingly for those around us in every place we live.' He is strong in urging us to be builders of peace as well. Pope Francis reminds us that our strength lies in reflecting and living the Gospel message, for it is there that we receive the strength to be joyful in hope.



We are in challenging times and to be hopeful is risky. There is the Emmaus story where the disciples are complaining to Jesus on how all their hopes are dashed with Jesus' death. What does Jesus do? He listens patiently and then begins to teach them and remind them that throughout history God has been present. We need to remember that even in the darkest of times God will spark the light of hope we have deep within us to shine and help us see our way.

These are all wonderful words and ideas, but where am I in the midst of all of this? Have I opened the door to the Jubilee Year of Hope? Am I a hopeful person or do I tend to be despondent? Do I believe that God loves me unconditionally? Have I considered the fact that I carry the seeds of hope within me? And lastly, am I willing to take the risk of living with hope?

I must say that I often stare at the picture of me praying at the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilic and ask myself, am I really a hope filled person? Can I lay aside some of the doubts that challenge us at this time? Is my door open, or is it half closed where I can remain safe? There is a lot to think about and so I encourage you to sit with these questions and be bold and take the risk of being a HOPE-Filled person. Spread the joy, it is a blessing of being hopeful!

**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

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.

Raymond A. Bernard

Beatrice Murphy

PRAYER SHAWLS & SENIORS

During the month of February 2025, prayer shawls and blankets will not be blessed. Also, there will be no SSPJ Senior Meetings in February.



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.

In this year of Hope, we must work together to fight defending attacks against life in all its stages. We cannot do this without each of you. We ask everyone to consider joining us in praying for the defense of life. Pray with us @ 8AM in the prayer room, attend Adoration on Mondays for some time between 1:30PM and 7PM,

JOIN THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE.

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Philip and James room from 7PM to 9PM. No experience necessary. **WE NEED YOU!**



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:

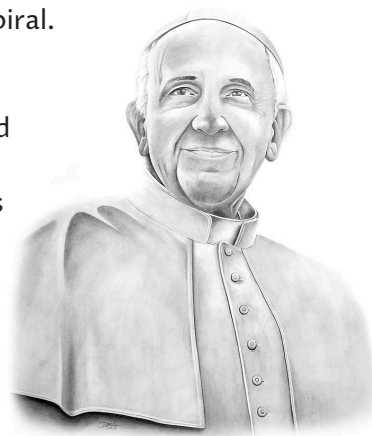
Children's School Snacks

CARE FOR CREATION

As ecological awareness has grown, it has become apparent that the human community is now using more of Earth's resources in a few months than the planet can replenish in a full year. Resources such as water, food, clean air are being consumed from reserves built up by Earth over millennia. This, a form of violence to Earth and to future generations, cannot continue. It is a death spiral.

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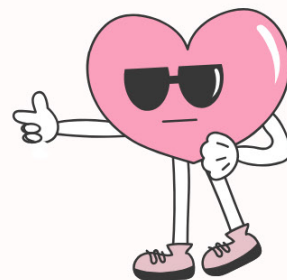
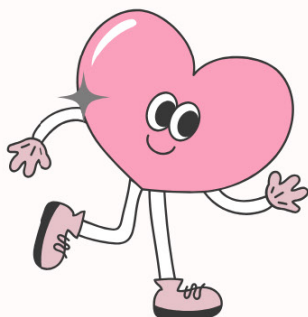
Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a Year of Jubilee with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope". The year aims to foster a greater sense of global brotherhood, solidarity with the poor, and care for the environment.



HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

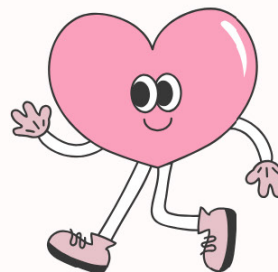
You are never alone

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



SSPJ SWEETHEART
SKATE NIGHT

*Valentine's
Day
February
14th*



6-8pm

The RINX at Harbor Front Park
101-A East Broadway
Port Jefferson, NY 11777

-----Please tear here and return-----

Family Name _____

Number of tickets _____

Skating, Rental, Pizza, soda/juice & Hot Cocoa _____ \$30

Non skating adult tickets _____ \$15

Pizza option for adults _____ \$5

Total enclosed \$ _____ cash/check



RSVP by January 31st

any questions contact Gladis (631) 566-7255



Child of God Honors

January 2025



Nursery

Eloise Miano is a Child of God. Ellie's sweet smile greets everyone as she enters the classroom. She loves to play with her friends and be helpful in her daily routine. Ellie is always ready to learn and enjoys leading her class in prayers and songs giving thanks to God. She shows kindness and always sets a good example for all.

Pre-Kindergarten

James Boyle is a Child of God. James is kind to all his classmates and teachers. He is cheerful throughout the day. He enjoys reading stories with his friends after snack time and lunch. James is always willing to share his toys at recess and loves having friends to play with. James knows his prayers and says them with grace and confidence.

Kindergarten

Brielle Butera is a bright and kind-hearted kindergartner, with a spirit that reflects her love for Jesus. Brielle loves to help others and share, showing all the generosity that Jesus taught her. She says her prayers loud and proud and has shared that she leads her family in grace before every meal. The light of Jesus shines through her.

Grade 1

Christiana Gregory is a Child of God. She is exceptionally kind to her classmates. She is always supporting and lifting them up. Christiana is a hard worker during all subjects but she loves learning more about her faith.

Grade 2

John Stefanowski is a true Child of God. John is a dedicated and hardworking student who constantly seeks to grow in knowledge and faith. His understanding of religion is truly amazing. During religion, John is always eager to participate, the first to raise his hand to answer questions, and remains actively engaged, especially when Father Mauricio visits our class. John is a wonderful example of a Child of God.

Grade 3

James Cortazar is a Child of God. James is a sweet boy and a hard worker. He is reverent during prayers and an active participant during Mass. He is always willing to help his classmates catch up with their schoolwork. He did a great job as an usher at our grade level Mass a couple of weeks ago. James is truly an example of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

Grade 4

Daniel Wille is a Child of God. Daniel works hard each day and he always tries his very best. He has a wonderful work ethic and he is a good role model for others. Daniel works well independently and in cooperative learning groups. Daniel is kindhearted and a genuine friend. He has recently completed his altar serving training and he has signed up to serve at weekend Masses. Daniel is answering his call from God to serve in his community. He is a true Child of God.

Grade 5

Andrew Celestin is a Child of God. He is always reverent during morning and afternoon prayer. He actively participates in the weekly Mass and is an excellent role model to his Nursery Buddy. In the classroom, Andrew is always willing to assist his teachers and classmates with a smile. He demonstrates outstanding effort when studying his faith. Andrew always has insightful questions for Father Gannon and actively participates in his lessons. Andrew embodies what it means to be a Child of God.

Grade 6

Solana Johnson is a Child of God. She is extremely reverent during Mass and prayer times throughout the day. She constantly offers to read verses from Matthew's Gospel to provide further insight into our beliefs. Solana demonstrates her work ethic and effort by always coming to class prepared for the day. She takes her academics very seriously, as well. She is always making sure her homework is completed and asking questions when needed. Solana has shown amazing strides in her educational career this year. Solana is the definition of a Child of God.

Grade 7

Shane Donegan is a Child of God. He is very considerate of all his classmates. He is respectful of his teachers. He is very reverent at Mass and during class prayer. Shane has a deep understanding of what it means to live his faith. Thank you Shane for being a role model to your peers.

Grade 8

Andrew McCulloh is a Child of God. Andrew has consistently demonstrated a remarkable level of respect for his teachers and peers, always showing kindness and consideration in every interaction. Beyond his respectful nature, Andrew works incredibly hard in his academics. Whether it's tackling challenging assignments or going the extra mile to ensure he understands the material, Andrew always puts forth his best effort. His dedication to his studies sets a great example of perseverance and commitment.

Faculty

Mrs. O'Connor, our 7th & 8th grade math/science teacher, is a Child of God. Mrs. O'Connor's enthusiasm for math and science are evident as she teaches two Regents classes. She has prepared the 8th graders for the Catholic HS Entrance Exam. All of her students got into the schools of their choice and earned much money in scholarships. Mrs. O'Connor puts much time and effort into her students' lector practice and scheduling. She taught an embroidery elective which many of the students in the Academy loved. Mrs. O'Connor is a kind, loving teacher and well loved by the faculty and staff. Her grace and humility are signs that she is a Child of God.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

HOLY HOUR *for* VOCATIONS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025

The Church of Saint Dominic

93 Anstice Street, Oyster Bay, NY 11771



with **Guest Homilist**
Father Joseph Lettieri

Associate Pastor
The Church of St. Dominic
Oyster Bay



drvcvocations.com

DOORS AT 7:00PM

| BEGINS AT 7:30PM

Music Ministry

WEEKLY REFLECTION FROM MUSIC DIRECTOR MARGARET ADAMS

Presentation of the Lord

Jesus is presented in the temple by Mary and Joseph. Jesus is the light of the world. Emmanuel, God with us. May our lives reflect his light to all those in darkness. Christ be Our Light, the Communion hymn, shows Christ as the light of the world. We sing Immaculate Mary as our Sending Forth, because Mary sees the world's true light, Jesus her son. He comes to claim his dwelling place.

Praise God from whom all blessing flow.

SSPJ Faith Sharing Group



The Faith Sharing Group meets on Wednesday mornings in the Bethany Center from 10:00 - 11:00. We are a welcoming and open-hearted group whose purpose is to deepen faith and build community. For the next several weeks, in keeping with the church's Jubilee year, we will be focusing on the theme of **HOPE**. All are welcome. If you have any questions, contact the parish center office at 631-584-5454.

Congratulations to Our Newly Baptized Catholics!



Gabriel Michael Guerra with Parents Nathanael and Dana, and celebrant Deacon John Keenan Baptised on January 26, 2025.



Keegan Joseph Caballero with Parents Kristopher and Megan, and celebrant Deacon John Keenan Baptised on January 18, 2025.

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.”

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Religious Education

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.

Feb. 10, 2025 - 6th graders will be having Reconciliation at 5:30 pm in the Church.

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

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
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

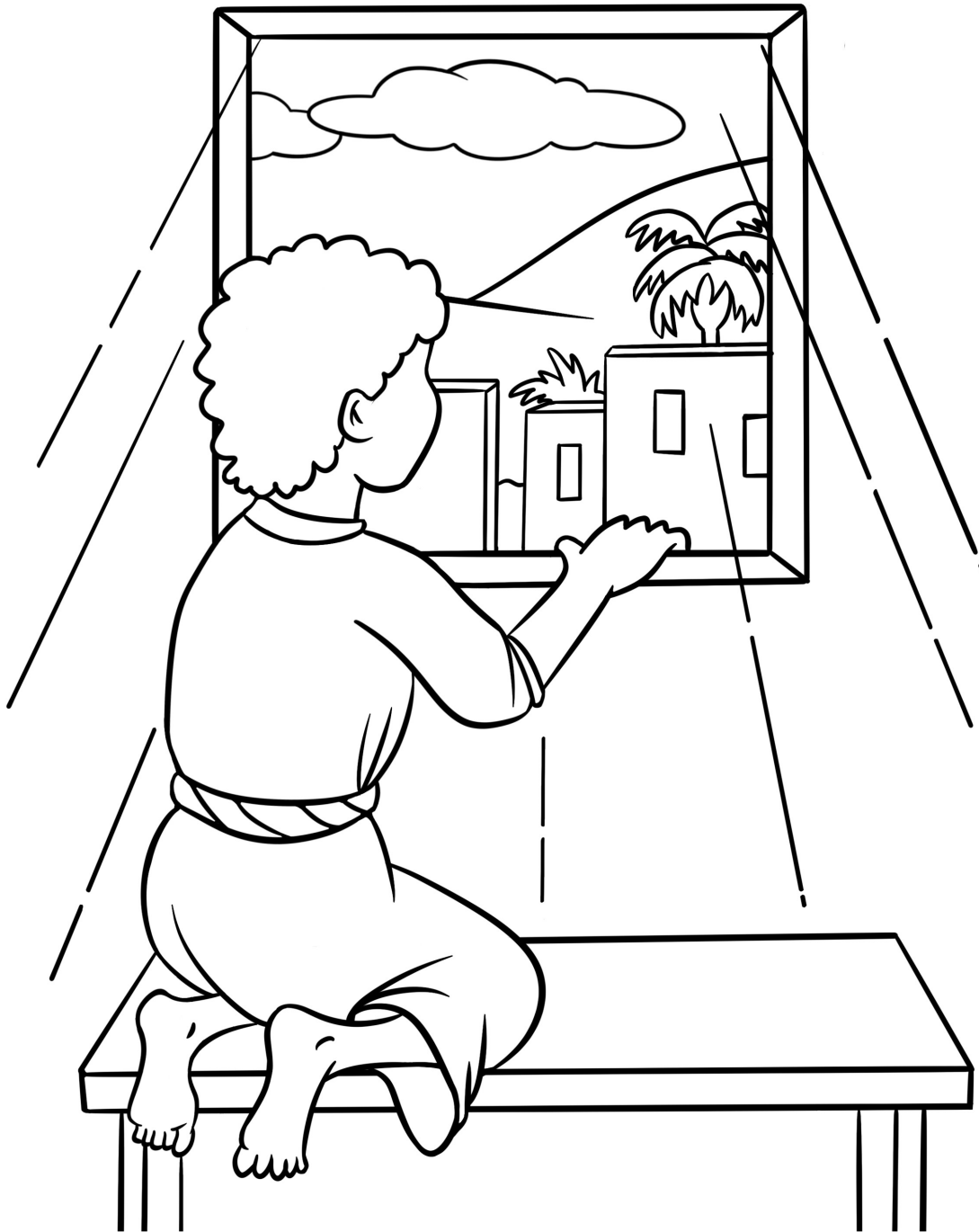


www.virtus.org

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.



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My Weekly Gospel Reflection for Grades 4-6

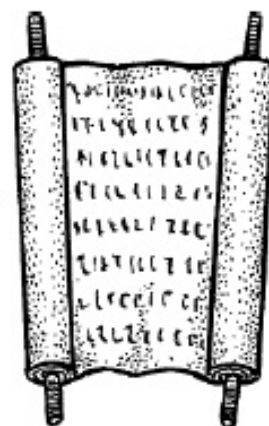
MY NAME IS _____ MY GRADE IS _____ SSPJ SCHOOL _____

Please bring this to mass with you next weekend.

The Call of Jeremiah

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:5 (NIV)

Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



1.

5.

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born
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My Weekly Gospel Reflection for Grades 7-8

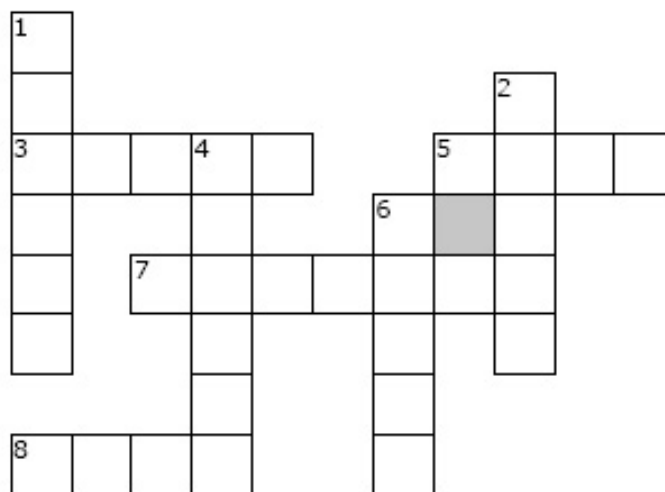
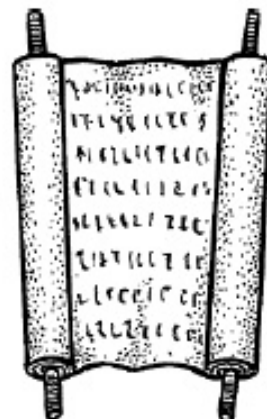
MY NAME IS _____ MY GRADE IS _____ SSPJ SCHOOL _____

Please bring this to mass with you next weekend.

The Call of Jeremiah

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:5 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. To utter words with the mouth;
to talk
5. To be brought into life by birth
7. A person who speaks for God
8. Something said; a remark, or
comment

DOWN

1. To save or set free
2. The body opening through
which we take in food
4. To be filled with fear
6. A very young person

born	child	afraid	word
speak	prophet	mouth	rescue

Gospel Reflection

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

February 9, 2025

Gospel - Luke 5: 1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

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 of 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.)