



The Parish of Saints Philip and James  
1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780  
631-584-5454

# August 30th, 2020

## Twenty-second Sunday

### In Ordinary Time



*"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."*

*Matthew 16: 19-20*

*"With Philip & James we pray to live lives worthy of the call to be  
Apostles of Hope"*

Daily Mass: 7:30am and 9:15 am  
Saturday 5pm Sunday: 8am 10 am 12noon

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**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.

**Confirmation**— Seventh and Eighth grade students are prepared to celebrate through Religious Ed or SSPJ School. Adults prepare through RCIA.

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**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.

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**Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:**

**Weekly Collection: Sunday August 23rd, 2020**

**School Support: (50% to SSPJ school, 50% to DRVC)**

**Faith Direct : (121 Participants)**

**Total Weekly Collection:**

**Your continued support of SSPJ is very much appreciated.**

**\$ 11,250.**

**137.**

**3,044.**

**\$17,890.**

**\$14,431.**



# *A Reflection from Sister T*

August 26, 2020

Dear Friends,

*As August starts to come to a close and our summer season is about to leave us, there are many things that we may need to sort through and think about. The year 2020 has been one of many changes and challenges. Take the time to reflect on how you have faced them. Has isolation caused you to become bitter or creative? Have you taken the time to be kind to another in need, even if it is from a distance? Have you prayed for and acknowledged all those who put their lives on the front line to help others, or have you complained that you couldn't go on vacation as you always do? Do you complain that even though the churches are open you need to follow certain regulations, like wearing a mask and making reservations? Or, are you so grateful that you can finally receive the Eucharist again?*

*Lot of questions, lots to think about. Some of what I have experienced during this time has been the rich goodness of people. They need to be commended, thanked, and encouraged to be the examples that we need in today's situations and world. As people struggle, we can continue to respond creatively, generously, and kindly to changes that are being asked of us. But how can we do this? I believe that all those who have answered the question in last week's Gospel -- "Who do you say that I am?" -- as Peter did -- "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" -- know how to do it, for they have found Christ in their center. Although at times it may be a challenge, they allow the peace from within to flow out onto others.*

*With all these questions and thoughts before us, I dare to share with you an old piece of writing that I found. I wrote it in 1979. I think it fits with what I am trying to share here. Maybe in some way it can help with our new daily lives and give us courage to continue on this journey with hope filled hearts.*

## *Peace Within*

*Peaceful, quiet, serene. Almost as if taken out of time.  
Yet a gentle breeze brings life to a now rippling lake and  
To the slender, awesome pines that surround and seem as to protect  
It from anything that would mar its beauty.*

*So silent and peaceful is my being as I feel the warmth of the afternoon sun.  
The blood running through my veins would seem to be the only sign of life,  
And yet that is within. Does not all beauty, life come from within?*

*Is it not protected by an outer covering?  
Could it be that in the hustle and bustle of daily life,  
We can find that peace, beauty and serenity within ourselves?*

*For you God have placed it there.*

*by Sr. Theresita Donach, CSFN  
June 27, 1979, Howe Park, Spencer, MA*

*I leave you with this last thought from Hermann Hesse: "Within you there is a stillness and sanctuary to which you can retreat at any time and be yourself."*

*Till next week,*

*Sister Theresita*

# Mass Intentions, For the week of August 30th, 2020

## Music Ministry

*Today is a very special day for me. I married my husband Tim on this day 17 years ago. What a great day!!*

*Music was an important part of my life then as it is today and I get to share it with Tim who is a choir member and plays guitar.*

*All Are Welcome by M. Haugen, is the gathering hymn for this weekend. It is one of my favorite songs and was first introduced to the Parish at our wedding.*

*"All are welcome in this Place"*

## Remembering in Our Prayers~

Angie Mingione	Alphonsus M. Hoonhout
Angela Amoroso	Antonette Sabatino
Anna Ormsby	Judy Rampola
Baby Ben	Kathleen N.
Barbara Bombace	Kitty Cronin
Barbara Sisti Russo	Leon Donach
Mattia Rose Lubrano	Maria Clark
Belinda Groneman	Marie del Cielo
Belinda Vega	Matthew Parrella
Bob Keenan	Michael Fisher
Brooke Remhild	Mike Lofaro
Claudia Chandler	Monsignor Iocavacci
Daniel Radice	Peter Donach
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Ginny & John Rief	Tara Cesarski
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Jack Donohue	Vicki Archdeacon
John DeStefano	William Quinn
J.C.	
Joseph S.	
Judy Cunnius	For our Nation in time of crisis

Saturday	August 29th, 2020 The Passion of St. John the Baptist Presider: Father Kevin Lector: M. Cashman	9:15am	William Thomas Fisher
		5:00pm	Thomas Reilly
Sunday	August 30th, 2020 Presider: Father Kevin Lector: P. Kanuika	8am	For the People of SSPJ
		10:00am	Alan Evans
	Collective Mass Presider: Father Tom & Father Patrick Lector: L. Kenton	12:00pm	Steve Rannizzisi Peter J. Loughlin Anita Triolo
Monday	August 31st, 2020~	7:30am	Olivia DiNucci
		9:15am	Matthew Chliek
Tuesday	September 1st, 2020~	7:30am	
		9:15am	Margaret Louise Rozzi
Wednesday	September 2nd, 2020	7:30am	Evelyn M. McGreevy
		9:15am	Kenneth Rathjen
Thursday	September 3rd, 2020~ Saint Gregory the Great	7:30am	
		9:15am	Antonio Bilbao Diane Corey
Friday	September 4th, 2020~	7:30am	
		9:15am	Ken Rathjen
Saturday	September 5th, 2020~ Saint Teresa of Calcutta Presider: Father Nasir Lector: E. Burke	9:15am	Donald Everett Wagner
		5:00pm	Anthony Ronald Stramiello
Sunday	September 6th, 2020 Presider: Father Nasir Lector: L. Auleta	8:00am	For the People of SSPJ
		10:00am	Jack Boland
	Collective Mass Presider: Father Tom Lector: A. Dinnigan	12:00pm	Margaret Duvall John Long Rosario S. Lombardo

## At the heart of financially supporting our parish

*Because....*

*Giving is compassionate,  
Giving is ministry,  
Giving is wise,  
Giving is worship,  
and Giving is safe*

*because we serve the God of abundant riches*

SHARING  
GOD'S  
GIFTS

### *Giving is ministry*

*...no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only.*  
(Philippians 4:15)

*It is important for us to understand that Giving is not simply a way to support Christian ministries... Giving makes you a part of the ministry itself!*

### *Parish Social Ministry*



#### **FOOD PANTRY HELP**

**DINTY MOORE BEEF STEW**

**PAPER TOWELS**

**KING KULLEN & STOP & SHOP  
GIFT CARDS**

**GAS GIFT CARDS**

**Thank you for sharing....**



Regardless of how the face of the new school year evolves, one thing is certain, **OUR CHILDREN WILL STILL NEED SUPPLIES.**

Your contributions will be greatly appreciated. You may leave them in the Church Prayer Room, the St. Anthony's Bread Closet or drop them off at the Rectory Office.

Crayola Washable Markers,  
Crayola Crayons,  
Colored Pencils,  
Black & White Composition Books,  
Loose Leaf Paper,  
#2 Pencils,  
Latex Free Erasers,  
Index Cards, Rulers,  
2 Pocket Folders,  
Paper Mate Erasable Pens,  
Highlighters,  
Sharpies,  
Pocket Dictionaries, Pocket Thesaurus  
Back-Packs.

**Thank you for your ongoing care and support.**



**Care of creation is essential for any follower of Jesus. If we love God and love our neighbors, that love naturally extends to the fullness of God's creation. Together, we are safeguarding the integrity of creation, and sustaining and renewing the life of the earth.**



## *God's Blessings Upon Michael Hoonhout*

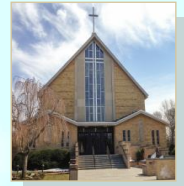


*In response to Fr. Tom's kind invitation, I, Michael Hoonhout, am happy to announce to the community of Sts. Philip & James that I have been accepted into the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. I will undergo three years of human, intellectual, spiritual and pastoral formation. I humbly ask for your prayers that I and my classmates will always be receptive to the graces of the formation program and truly take on the spirit of service that is the distinctive character of the ordained Deacon in the Catholic Church. I promise to remember you and the parish in my prayers. Thank you.*

## *Religious Education*



*Registration for the 2020~2021  
Religious Education Year  
WILL CONCLUDE ON SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2020*



*We welcome all New Families to our Religious Education Program! We ask that you contact the Religious Education Office at 631-584-3204 so that we can welcome you to our program and discuss information needed to register.*

*We welcome back all Religious Ed families and ask you to  
Complete the application for re-registration emailed to all families.  
If you should have any questions kindly contact the religious education office .*

*A note on 2020-2021 Parish Family Contribution request...*

*Our parish has been blessed to weather the Pandemic with doors open, and a minimal staff managing daily the needs of the community as well as the needs of our Parishioners. Hands were extended to grieving families, hungry families, desperate souls searching for help during this very dark and uncertain time.*

*While mass attendance was called to a halt, the dedication of "A Parish Family" remained steady.*

*As all families encounter financial obligations ~ so too does Sts. Philip & James Parish. For that, we have been blessed by the generosity of the parishioners that consider SSPJ~ home... We do not receive funding from any other source, but through our weekly collections.*

*The Parish Family Contribution of \$325 or \$6.25 per week, assists SSPJ in continuing to offer help to those in need, provide religious instruction, retreats, and parental teaching resources to over 700 families registered in religious education, and allows us the grace to keep our doors open, our church sanitized and safe, and the utilities on.*

*If you have any concerns or if there is assistance we can provide please do not hesitate to reach out to us at 631-584-3204.*

*Thank you and may you continue to feel God's wonderful blessings in your hearts.*

As of August 25th, 2020, we have received pledges totaling \$98,354 toward our 2020 CMA Goal of \$111,000 and payments totaling \$86,074.

**OUR PLEDGES ARE AT 88.6% OF GOAL**  
**OUR PAYMENTS ARE AT 77.5% OF GOAL**

During this very difficult time, it is with great appreciation and gratitude for your sacrifices and generosity to the SSPJ 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

*Our Parish receives its CMA rebate only when our payments received equal our goal of \$111,000*

*Our Parish Rebate will support us in the efforts necessary to ensure our compliance with regulations for maintaining the infrastructure of our Parish.*



## Learning from Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Next month, we celebrate the feast day of Saint Teresa of Calcutta. She was such an influential woman who touched the lives of so many people... and continues to do so even now! She reminds us that we are all called to be the **Hands of Christ's Mercy** in our communities today.

We need not be in the streets of Calcutta to do good for our brothers and sisters in Christ. We can help our community here on Long Island through the **2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal**.

Your gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal will help more than 600,000 of our sisters and brothers receive support and assistance from the funds shared through the CMA each year. It is rare that just one person or one parish could touch this many life. The CMA brings us beyond the individual, the group and the parish and unites us as one Church of Long Island.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta pray for us!

***The Catholic Ministries Appeal is***  
***Stewardship in Action!***

To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA>

or call us at **516-678-5800 ext. 296**.

Thank You!

Make checks payable to:

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

***“HELPING OTHERS  
WHILE  
HELPING OUR  
PARISH”***





# *Celebrating First Holy Communion*

## *"Let Jesus live in your heart"*



*Sunday is Special*

*God our loving Father,  
Thank you for all the ways you bless  
me.  
Help me to be aware that every  
person,  
Place, and adventure I experience is  
an opportunity to love you more.  
Fill me with a desire to change and  
grow, and give me the grace to  
become the -best-version-of -myself  
in every moment of every day.  
Amen*



**Sienna Brady**  
August 21st, 2020



**John Brady**  
August 21st, 2020



**Brianna Carney**  
August 22nd, 2020



**Daniel Clinton**  
August 22nd, 2020



**Luis Polidoro**  
August 22nd, 2020



**Eric Noon**  
August 22nd 2020





## The Invitation to Courage

Courage isn't one of my strong points, at least not one particular kind of courage.

Scripture tells us that as John the Baptist grew up he *became strong in spirit*. My growing up was somewhat different. Unlike John the Baptist, as I grew up I *became accommodating in spirit*. This had its reasons. I was born with what Ruth Burrows would describe as a "tortured sensitivity", an over-sensitive personality, and have never been able to develop a tough skin. That's not the stuff of which prophets are made. When you're a child on the playground you better have the raw physical strength to challenge a situation that's unfair or you better let things alone so as not to get hurt. You also better develop razor-sharp skills at avoiding confrontation and in the art of peacemaking. As well, when you aren't gifted with superior physical strength and challenging situations arise on the playground, you quickly learn to walk away from confrontation. On the playground the lamb knows better than to lie down with the lion or to confront the lion, irrespective of the prophet Isaiah's eschatological visions.

And that's not all bad. Growing up as I did didn't make for the tough skin and raw courage it takes to be a prophet, but it did give me an acute radar screen, namely, a sensitivity which at its best is a genuine empathy (though at its worst has me avoiding situations of conflict). Either way, it's hasn't particularly gifted me with the qualities that make for prophetic courage. I want, habitually, not to upset people. I dislike confrontation and want peacefulness at almost any cost, though I do draw some lines in the sand. But I'm no John the Baptist and it's taken me many years to learn that, admit it, and understand why – and also to understand that my temperament and history are only an explanation and not an excuse for my cowardice at times.

In the end, the virtue of courage is not contingent upon birth, temperament, or mental toughness, though these can be helpful. Courage is a gift from the Holy Spirit and that's why one's temperament and background may only serve as an explanation and not as an excuse for a lack of courage.

I highlight this because our situation today demands courage from us, the courage for prophecy. We desperately need prophets today, but they are in short supply and too many of us are not particularly eager to volunteer for the task. Why not?

A recent issue of *Commonweal* magazine featured an article by Bryan Massingale, a strong prophetic voice on the issue of racism. Massingale submits that the reason we see so little real progress in dealing with racial injustice is the absence of prophetic voices where they are most needed, in this case, among the many good white people who see racial injustice, sympathize with those suffering from it, but don't do anything about it. Massingale, who lectures widely across the country, shares how again and again in his lectures and in his classes people ask him: *But how do I address this without upsetting people?* This question aptly expresses our reticence and, I believe, names both the issue and the challenge.

As Shakespeare would say, "Ah, there's the rub!" For me, this question touches a sensitive moral nerve. Had I been in one of his classes I would no doubt have been one of those to ask that question: but how do I challenge racism without upsetting people? Here's my problem: I want to speak out prophetically, but I don't want to upset others; I want to challenge the white privilege which we're so congenitally blind to, but I don't want to alienate the generous, good-hearted people who support our school; I want to speak out more strongly against injustice in my writing, but I don't want multiple newspapers drop my column as a result; I want to be courageous and confront others, but don't want to live with the hatred that ensues; and I want to publicly name injustices and name names, but don't want to alienate myself from those very people. So this leaves me still praying for the courage needed for prophecy.

Several years ago, a visiting professor at our school, an Afro-American man, was sharing with our faculty some of the near daily injustices he experiences simply because of the color of his skin. At one point I asked him: "If I, as a white man, came to you like Nicodemus came to Jesus at night and asked you what I should do, what would you tell me?" His answer: Jesus didn't let Nicodemus off easily just because he confessed his fears. Nicodemus had to do a public act to bring his faith into the light, he had to claim Jesus' dead body. Hence, his challenge to me: you need to do a public act.

He's right; but I'm still praying for the prophetic courage to do that. And aren't we all?

September 6, 2020 • 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year A

## A Two-Way Challenge

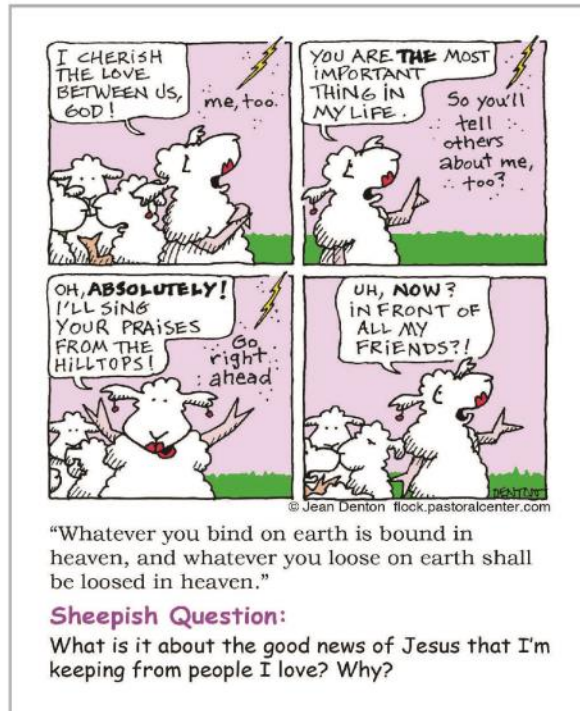
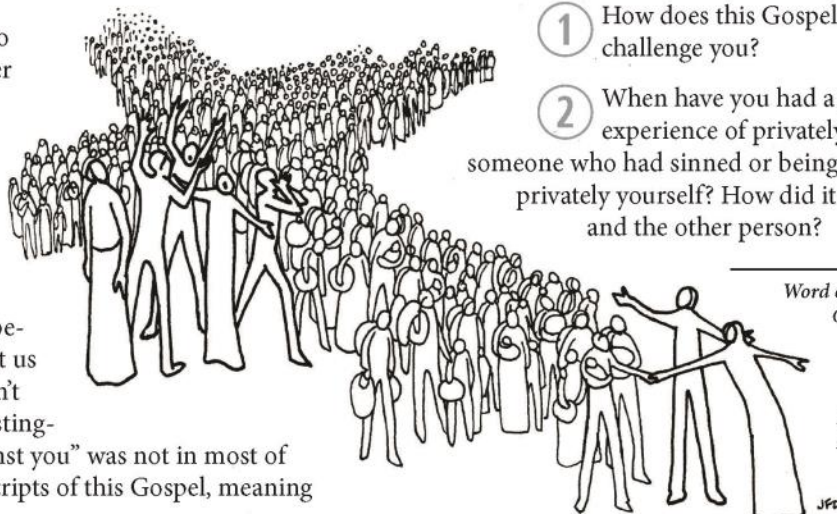
*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- Ezekiel 33:7-9 - The prophet a watchman
- Romans 13:8-10 - Love fulfills the Law
- Matthew 18:15-20 - Fraternal correction

The first reading and the Gospel reading today both address the responsibility of believers to call out and name injustice and sinfulness when they see it. In the Old Testament reading, God tells the prophet, Ezekiel, that he must speak out to dissuade wicked people from doing harm, or he will be responsible for their deaths. Likewise, Jesus gives his disciples instructions for confronting those who have done wrong.

Jesus' teaching in the Gospel reading today about reconciling someone who has sinned is a challenge for two kinds of Christians. First, it is a challenge to those in the Church community who judge others publicly—boldly proclaiming in print, from the pulpit, or in the media. It is often easier for an accuser to go public with an accusation than address the matter privately and with more humility and sensitivity first. Jesus is asking such accusers to do the hard work of personal conversation first, which may have the effect of helping the accuser to grow in understanding and acceptance of the “sinner.” (Of course, Jesus isn't asking people to put themselves in danger to do so, for example, asking a victim to approach her rapist in private.)

Jesus' words are also a challenge for other Christians who are too hesitant or timid to call out sinfulness and injustice when they see it. Sometimes we let injustice continue because it doesn't hurt us directly—the sin isn't “against” us. Interestingly, the phrase “against you” was not in most of the ancient manuscripts of this Gospel, meaning



“Whatever you bind on earth is bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

### Sheepish Question:

What is it about the good news of Jesus that I'm keeping from people I love? Why?

it was probably added later. So Jesus was calling on his disciples to privately point out their brother's sin (before escalating to a broader audience), regardless of whether they were directly impacted. Jesus is asking for courage here to stand up for any victim who is hurt by another's behavior. When a white person confronts another white person privately for a racist comment, that is the first step toward growth and reconciliation.

## Questions of the Week

- 1 How does this Gospel reading most challenge you?
- 2 When have you had a growthful experience of privately confronting someone who had sinned or being confronted privately yourself? How did it change you and the other person?

### Word of the Week •

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