



The Parish of Saints Philip and James
1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

631-584-5454

Twenty-fifth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
September 23, 2018



*"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me;
and whoever receives me,
receives not me but the One who sent me."*

Mark 9:37

*"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

Parish Center Office Hours:

*Sunday ~ Closed
Monday: 9am-8pm*

*Tuesday & Wednesday: 9am-5pm
Thursday: 9am-8pm*

*Friday: 9am-12 Noon
Saturday: 10am-2pm*

Parish Center Phone ~ 631-584-5454

Parish Center Fax~ 631-862-9675

Web ~ www.sspj.org

Pastoral Team

Father Tom Haggerty	Pastor
Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Associate Pastor
Deacon Ronald Blasius	Deacon
Deacon John Keenan	Deacon
Deacon Ken Maher	Deacon
Sister Theresita Donach, CSFN	Pastoral Associate
Margaret Adams	Director of Music
Virginia Portanova	Business Manager
John Cordes	Director of Facilities
Lynn Sisti	Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry
Charlotte Czujko	Religious Education Coordinator Grades 1-2
Barbara Luna	Religious Education Coordinator Grades 3-6
Dominick Avento	Religious Education Coordinator Grades 7-8
Catherine Darrow	Religious Education Administrator
Frank Brancaccio	Youth Minister

Pastoral Council

Claire DiCarlo, Richard Frazita, Lou Guerra, Kelsey Greco, Cynthia Lombardi,
Martin Marut, Ann Mondrone, Mary Ann Pose, Paul Damato

Trustees

Jerry Linder ~ Tina Cafaro

SSPJ School—Principal Diane M. Anderson

School Phone : 631-584-7896 School Fax: 631-584-3258

Sacraments

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

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.

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 12:00mass please see the Sacristan before mass.

R.C.I.A.— Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (non-Catholic adults desiring to become Catholic) are asked to contact the Parish Center Office.

Eucharistic Adoration In The Church— Thursday 2-4pm Friday 8-9pm

Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

In today's gospel, Jesus brings a little child into the midst of his arguing disciples and says whoever receives a child in his name receives him. Fr. Dennis Hamm, SJ, reflects:

At first, this seems to us 20th and 21st century North Americans like an easy invitation. A child is always welcome. But that is not Jesus' point. Those who study the first-century Mediterranean world tell us that children had the lowest status of all in those societies. Being "servant of all" means being servant of the least, of which this child is an example. But then Jesus proceeds to place this serving of the least in the widest possible perspective. When one serves the least, "in Jesus' name," that is, acting explicitly as his disciple, one is also acting out one's relationship with Jesus.

Every three years the Diocese asks those involved in liturgical ministries to make a renewal commitment. I am deeply grateful to all of you who help to build up and serve the Body of Christ. On Saturday morning October 6th, beginning with the 9:15 Mass, Father Kevin Cronin, ofm, will conduct a morning of reflection based on St. Francis of Assisi's experience of hearing the words we hear so clearly today, *"Rebuild My Church"*. This is a required meeting for all who serve as lectors and/or extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. If your schedule does not permit attending that day, please let the rectory know as soon as possible and we will then set up another session. However, I ask all of us to please try to be there on October 6th. Those involved in music ministry and ushers are strongly encouraged to attend. We will set up a separate session for altar servers shortly after. Of course, the entire parish is most welcome to join in what promises to be a very prayerful, informative and joyful time. The session will last an hour to an hour and a half.

In addition, I would also like to thank all those who minister to our youngest ones in the Children's Liturgy of the Word. It is a delight to see the joy on the children's faces as they return to the assembly every Sunday. Parents, older teens - we can use your help! If you would like to assist in this powerful ministry or find out more about it, please leave your name and number at the rectory. In particular - to our 7 and 8 great students: this might be a very rewarding way in which to get some service hours. If you would like to be considered for this ministry please write me a letter explaining why and how the Word of God shapes your life. In October we will have an orientation session for those who are accepted into this ministry.

Check out too the description of the Barnabas Ministry in today's bulletin. What a wonderful way to encourage our young people to deepen their faith.

Give yourself a treat and come to know Thomas Merton on Monday, September 24th. Dr. Tom Petriano will be giving an informative and engaging presentation. A suggested \$10. offering is welcome. See the details in today's bulletin.

Peace,

Father Tom

Apostles: We Who Are Sent...Hope: God's constant gift of new possibilities



It's that time of year again, FOR...
THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS BAKE SALE!

THIS WEEKEND!

SEPTEMBER 21st & 22nd, 2018

After all the masses



Please stop by and support the wonderful work of the Catholic Daughters
by purchasing the most delicious homemade treats!

Religious Education Ministry

Father,

We thank you for the opportunity
to begin this new school year,
and we ask that you bless
the students, their families and catechists
that make SSPJ Parish a great place.
We pray that you will guide us in your
ways,
and strengthen our Parish Family
With many ways to serve you, Lord,
so that we will seek your will
in everything that we do,
and love others as you love us.
We ask this in the name of
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Religious Education Classes Are Beginning!

Classes start the week of:
Monday, September 24, 2018

We ask you to remember our Student's, Families
and Catechists in your prayers as they begin this
year of faith and formation.

Classes are scheduled in our school building, as
well as in the "Bethany Center"
our "Old Church"!

Personnel will be on hand to assist students and
parents arriving for drop off and pick up of
students.

Any questions, kindly contact the REO office at
631-584-3204

Special Needs

Our Religious Education Department is Seeking Catechists for our
Saturday Morning Special Needs Religious Education Team

Classes are held in the School Building on
Saturday Mornings from 9am-9:45am

Classes begin on Saturday, September 29, 2018

*If you are interested in assisting this extraordinary ministry, kindly contact the Religious
Education Office
at 631-584-3204.*

Thank you for your consideration, kindness and generosity



A Note From Father Tom

Embarking on a New Catechetical Year

September , 2018

Dear Parents,

There's a line that's always intrigued me, "I pointed out the moon and all you saw was my finger". Obviously, we are not pointing to the moon, but to the Son; and not trying to create either obstacles or difficulties for already busy families. The truth of who we are called to be as a Catholic people is to be formed as a *Eucharistic* people – to let ourselves be **taken** and **blessed** and have new possibilities **broken** open for us.

Last year we began asking for our young people to provide reflections on the Sunday readings they heard when attending Mass. Attendance at our liturgies increased significantly and our SSPJ parish community was greatly enriched!

The overall response to this process was positive. Almost all our catechists, many parents and other parishioners agreed the idea was a good one – but that there were areas that could use some "tweaking". We held an open session last June to address needs and concerns. This letter outlines how the process will proceed this year.

The children will continue to attend Mass weekly and will be given age appropriate materials.

We encourage students in grades 1, 2, and 3 to attend Children's Liturgy of the Word at either the **Saturday 5pm Mass** or the **Sunday 10am Mass**. *(For those unable to attend either of these two Masses, a reflection sheet for them may be found on our website and in the bulletin.)*

For students in grades 4, 5, and 6, prepared materials will be on our website and, in the bulletin, to bring to any of the weekend Masses.

For students in grades 7 and 8 prepared materials will be on our website and in the bulletin to bring to any of the weekend Masses.

Each month will follow the same pattern:

Week 1 - will focus on what the **Family Prayer Intention** is for the month. These intentions will be part of the offertory procession and mentioned in the Prayer of the Faithful.

Week 2 - will involve an age appropriate **Reflection**, inviting the children to use their imaginations as they place themselves in the gospel story.

Week 3 - will feature a **Puzzle** based on the gospel for the children to complete.

Week 4 - will involve another **Reflection** question related to the readings.

Week 5 *(when there is a fifth week)* - will include a word jumble or prayer completion to facilitate learning on an age appropriate level.

The reflection activities will begin the weekend of September 29th & 30th, and continue through the school year.

Parents, though you are the primary faith educators of your children, SSPJ parish continues to pray with you and your families, and we look forward to sharing faith with you. Together we will grow as Apostles of Hope!

Peace,

Father Tom Haggerty

The Saint Barnabas Ministry~ Encouraging the faith of our students....

The Saint Barnabas Ministry invites members of our Parish Family to read and compliment the faith filled growth of our Religious Education Students as they begin offering their weekly reflections.

Reading reflections of our Religious Education Students encourages them upon their faith journey...

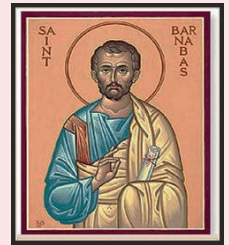
If you are interested in joining this fulfilling ministry, kindly contact the Parish Center at 631-584-5454.

An orientation meeting will be held for all who are participating in this effort on:

Wednesday, October 3rd, 2018 in two sessions:

11-12noon or 7-8pm both in the Sts. Philip & James Room

**Reflections will begin during the weekend of October 13th and 14th.
Reflections will be collected during each mass and be ready for pick up at the Parish center on Monday, October 15th at 9am.**



Calling ALL APOSTLES OF HOPE~ A NEW OPPORTUNITY HAS COME...

FORMATION OF THE HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

We would like to form a new ministry. "Helping Hands" which would consist of helping to arrange small receptions like the ones we hope to host after the grade level Masses in October. It would include setting up cookies, juice and coffee immediately following the Mass.

Time commitment would be perhaps one half hour before Mass and then 45 minutes for the reception. You could do one or both. Participation could be once a month, once a season etc.

This is an outreach to the younger families in our parish. "We together are the Body of Christ". Virtus training is required and will be provided.

Parish Social Ministry



The Peace, Justice and Care of Creation Group plans to visit the campus of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Brentwood, on Friday, October 5th, to obtain information on environmentally sound land management and energy conservation.

As Sisters of St. Joseph, our charism calls us to love of God and neighbor without distinction. We believe that all is one and that our call is to an active inclusive love that seeks this union with God and the sacred community of life that includes all of creation – air, soil, water, plants, and animals. We see ourselves in union with this community that we hold as the neighbor through whom God continues to be revealed.

We acknowledge our responsibility to balance our communal needs and the needs of Earth now and into the future. As we continue to deepen these beliefs and understandings and make decisions regarding the land entrusted to our care.

This tour will be inclusive of their Organic Gardens, Agricultural Farming, Solar array systems, Rain Gardens and Woodland preservation.

This tour promises to be an important as well as enjoyable learning experience.

If you are interested in joining a tour of the extraordinary Brentwood facility, please contact Marie Dolce at sweetm820@yahoo.com or Lynn Sisti-Parish Social Ministry Coordinator at 631-584-5454. **Please RSVP BY 10-1-18.**

THE MEN'S FORUM

AT THE CHURCH OF SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES

A brotherhood of men dedicated to growing in their faith & discipleship in the Lord Jesus Christ.



MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018

Speaker and Topic: To Be Announced

Join us for inspiring talks and fellowship. Experience new opportunities to be open to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit in how the Lord is calling us to grow as Catholic men of faith.

We are a brotherhood of Catholic men who meet at Saints Philip & James R.C. Church and are dedicated to growing in our faith and discipleship in the Lord Jesus Christ. We gather twice a month to pray, listen to spiritual wisdom, and draw strength from one another in fellowship. We seek to become better men of Christian virtue and witness in our families, friendships, Church, and community.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

2018:	2019:	
Oct. 22	Jan. 7	March 18
Nov. 5	Jan. 28	April 1
Nov. 19	Feb. 11	May 6
Dec. 3	March 4	May 20
		June 17

LOCATION: Main Church: 359 Clinton Avenue, Saint James, NY
6:30 PM: Adoration • 7:30 PM: Speaker Talk • 8:30 PM: Coffee & Cake

Come for all, or part of our evening's schedule • No membership required. Open to all men!

Website: www.sspjmensforum.org



CHURCH of SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES

359 Clinton Avenue • St. James, NY 11780 • 631-584-5454 • www.sspj.org



Lemonade for a Cause!



Lucas Hoffmann is a very kind, considerate and empathetic boy. He has such compassion for people who have had sadness in their life. He has great friends at **Sts. Philip and James School** where he attends second grade. One of his most special friends is Tyler Farrell. They have been very close since they met in Pre-K. They are true buddies. Tyler lost his mother at a young age. She was a student at SSPJ and loved children dearly. The church and school are raising money for a memorial playground in her memory.

Lucas raised **\$483** dollars on that special day. It is a day we will never forget. Lucas was thrilled. Thank you to all who came out and supported him!!

If you would like to show continued support for Lucas and The Katie Farrell Memorial Playground please visit the school website sspjschool.net or see the Parish Bulletin.

Thank you and God Bless!

*Ms. Diane Anderson
Principal
Sts. Philip & James School
359 Clinton Avenue
St. James, NY 11780*



*SSPJ continues to grow in God's love and light... we are pleased to announce
The Katie Farrell Memorial Playground*

*In memory of Katie Farrell, SSPJ Graduate Alumni, who loved children more
than anything, and whose son attends the school now.*



*Angel of God, My Guardian dear to whom God's
love commits me here.*

*Ever this day be at my side, To light and guard,
to rule and guide.*

Amen



Angel Patron \$50

Patron of a place for children to play for generations and Listing in program at dedication blessing

Archangel Patron \$100

Patron of a place for children to play for generations, listing in program at dedication blessing, Name or family name included in prayer at dedication blessing

Guardian Angel Supporter \$250

Patron of a place for children to play for generations, listing in program at dedication blessing, Name or family name included in prayer at dedication blessing, Name or family name memorialized at playground

Become a Patron/Supporter:

_Guardian Angel Supporter \$250 Name: _____

Address: _____

_Archangel Patron \$100

_Angel Patron \$50

Phone: _____

Memorial will include a name or a family name, please indicate your choice, below: (i.e., John Smith or The Smith Family)

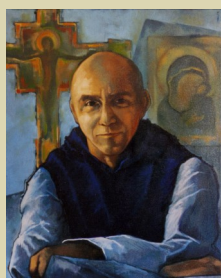
*Checks made payable to SSPJ Church with playground in memo- mail or return in Sunday collections
For more information e-mail Ms. Diane Anderson at danderson@sspjschool.net or call 631.584.7896*

Adult Education: Beginning September 24th, 2018

Thomas Merton A Spiritual Guide for our Time

Thomas Merton was one of the great spiritual masters of the 20th century.

The circuitous journey of his own life from bon vivant to Trappist monk, from poet and contemplative to peace activist, and from solitary hermit to interlocutor with leading world figures is a fascinating journey that can be a rich resource for all of us seeking a deeper relationship to God.



Join us this fall for three evenings in which we explore Thomas Merton's life.

Sept. 24th: Thomas Merton: Spiritual Explorer

Oct. 30th: Thomas Merton: The Geography of the Inner Life

Nov. 26th: Thomas Merton: Contemplation and Compassion

Location: Bethany Center-Main Meeting Room

Time: 7-9pm

Please confirm your attendance by contacting the Parish Center at 631-584-5454
Conducted by: Thomas Petriano~Professor and Chair of Religious Studies-St. Joseph's College
Suggested \$10.00 Offering

Lending a Hand and Prayers To Father Leo

For the past three years, as our school year winds down and the Family festival begins, a friendly, grace filled visitor has come to the doors of Sts. Philip & James .

Those doors opened wide as we greeted the return of Father Leo for the summer months. His kindness, dedication and presence filled our hearts and souls.

In the fall, Our Father Leo will be returning to Mangalore, India. It is there, that he will continue his mission of educating and spreading the word of God to Seminarians enrolled in St. Joseph's Seminary, in Mangalore India.

Father Leo's teachings require many theological textbooks. The cost to purchase and ship these materials can exceed \$4,000. He is unable to purchase the necessary materials in India. As a result, he is trying to obtain these materials, both new and used, while he is staying with us.

If you are moved to assist Father Leo in defraying the cost of these materials, we have established the following:

Any donation in the form of a check:

Make check payable to: SSPJ

In the memo section: Father Leo textbooks

Each book that is purchased by the generosity of Father Leo's SSPJ Parish Family, will have an inscription as such placed inside its front cover.

Liturgical Ministries Renewal Commitment

Saturday, October 6th, 2018

Beginning at the 9:15 am mass

Father Kevin Cronin, ofm, will conduct a morning of reflection based on St. Francis of Assisi's experience of hearing the words we hear so clearly today, "Rebuild my church."

This meeting is required for all who serve as Lectors and or Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. We also encourage Ushers and members of the music ministry to attend as well.

If your schedule does not permit attending on this day, please contact the Parish Center Office at 631-584-5454.

We do request that all involved in these ministries attend this session.

Many thanks for sharing your time and dedication with our Parish Family.

FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION, OR PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF THE LORD AS A LECTOR, LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING WILL BEGIN IN MID OCTOBER AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING ONE OF THESE WONDERFUL MINISTRIES, WE ASK THAT YOU CONTACT THE PARISH CENTER OFFICE AT 631-584-5454.

KINDLY PROVIDE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION SO THAT WE CAN ARRANGE A TIME TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOU.

MANY THANKS FOR CONSIDERING THESE WONDERFUL MINISTRIES.

Liturgical Ministry Training

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF WORSHIP
516-678-5800 x504

1. TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Session A: Required for all Extraordinary Ministers and must be taken before session B.

Session B: In addition to session A for those who minister in hospitals, nursing homes or to the homebound.

TO REGISTER FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING:

The pastor must send a letter to Bishop Barres requesting the training for each person attending.

DO NOT USE THE TEAR-OFF BELOW.

This letter must mention the date and location of the training session the person(s) will attend.

2. TRAINING FOR LECTORS: PLEASE USE THE TEAR-OFF BELOW.

3. TIMES AND PLACES FOR MINISTRY TRAINING:

ATTENDEES MUST CHOOSE ONE MINISTRY AS THE
EM A SESSIONS AND LECTOR SESSIONS RUN SIMULTANEOUSLY

SESSION A FOR ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS AND LECTOR TRAINING:

NASSAU - OCTOBER 27, 2018 - ST. AGNES PARISH CENTER, ROCKVILLE CENTRE 9AM - 1PM

SUFFOLK - OCTOBER 6, 2018 - ST. ROSALIE, HAMPTON BAYS 9AM - 1PM

EVENING - OCTOBER 15, 2018 - ST. ELIZABETH, MELVILLE 7PM - 10PM

SESSION B FOR THOSE WHO MINISTER IN HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES OR TO THE HOMEBOUND:

NASSAU - NOVEMBER 3, 2018 - ST. AGNES PARISH CENTER, ROCKVILLE CENTRE 9AM - 1PM

SUFFOLK - OCTOBER 13, 2018 - ST. ROSALIE, HAMPTON BAYS 9AM - 1PM

EVENING - OCTOBER 22, 2018 - ST. ELIZABETH, MELVILLE 7PM - 10PM

WORKSHOP FEES:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: \$30 per person

Lectors: \$20 per person

REGISTRATION FORM FOR LECTOR TRAINING ONLY

Mail this registration to the Office of Worship, PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023,
e-mail to worship@drvc.org, or fax to 516-764-3316.

I wish to register for **Lector Training**

St. Agnes Parish Center, Rockville Centre (Saturday, October 27, 2018)

St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays (Saturday, October 6, 2018)

St. Elizabeth, Melville (Monday, October 15, 2018)

Name Phone

Parish Town

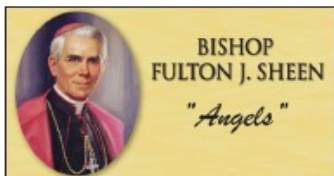
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Angels

By Venerable Fulton Sheen

Are Angels More than Myth?

With his ever-present humor, animated presentation, and captivating mode of speaking, the beloved Bishop Fulton Sheen explains the nature of angels and the meaningful role they play in our world.



"I never tire of hearing Fulton Sheen!"

—Joyce S, VA

Watch on formed.org



Join Brother Francis in the delightfully inspirational and instructive presentation that teaches children all about the sacrament of the Eucharist!

This episode contains:

- "The Last Supper"—animated presentation of Jesus instituting the Blessed Sacrament
- "The Story of Blessed Imelda Lambertini"—the Patroness of First Communicants
- "I am the Bread of Life" and "What More Can He Give"—two visualized songs

Brother Francis: The Bread of Life is an exceptional way to prepare children for their first Holy Communion.

Father Charles and Laurie Mangano

~ a brother & sister ~

Present a Night of Recollection

A Night of Song.....Night of Inspiration..... Night of Reflection

SS Philip and James Church

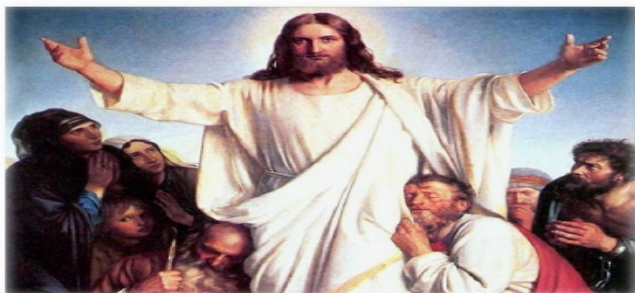
454 N Country Rd, St James, NY ~ (631) 584-5454

Thursday, September 27th
at 7:30 p.m.

~ free will offering ~



Topic: Divine Providence



Discover how our fears and toxic guilt prevent us from living in the freedom of peace that God desires for us.

This outstanding program is supported by scripture, song and personal reflection and is designed to comfort and inspire those facing struggles of any kind. If you've ever wondered: "Where is God in this struggle?", "Why is God allowing this to happen?" or "How can God love me if..?" Then this evening is for YOU!

You will have an opportunity to participate in a symbolic offering of your fears and have them prayed over. Come and refresh your soul and rejuvenate your spirit knowing that God's Divine Providence is at work every day in your life.

Father Charles and Laurie have united their gifts to praise God and minister to His people in a very special way. They have been singing for the Lord since childhood, and together they have touched the hearts of thousands with their meditative and inspirational music. In addition to producing 13 albums, a DVD and music video, Father Charles and Laurie have also co-hosted their own TV show on Telecare for many years. They have sung at countless venues and their benefit concerts have raised \$426,000 for charity to date. This beautiful Night of Recollection on Thursday, September 27th is **guaranteed to be most uplifting!** It is our hope that through this experience we will come to know, love and trust the Lord Jesus in a deeper and more intimate way, leading us to serve the Lord with gladness.



9th - 12th grades

**Opening Night
Wed September 26th**

7:00-9:00pm in the Bethany Center (Old Church)

Music, Pizza and good friends

\$25.00 registration for the year.

**For more information Youth Ministry Hotline
at 631-862-SSPJ**

A Note From the Music Ministry

Singing in a children's and teen choir:

- Helps children feel a part of a group and make new friends;
- Helps children develop better speech habits;
- Helps children learn about poise under pressure;
- Teaches a sense of responsibility;
- Teaches children to strive for excellence;
- Develops children's sense of culture and sophistication;
- Provides the foundation for a lifetime of enjoyment in and of music;
- Provides an artistic balance for children in these days of rote learning and education
- Can assist in the application process for college, conveying well balanced experience and education

I hope you noticed the singing of the Gloria is back and the parts of the Mass changed to the Mass of Renewal song #'s 872, 874, 876, 877 in the music issue. A new song is added #315: **The God of All Grace**. It is lively and easy to learn. Also the Presentation hymn #402: **There is a Longing** is new from last May.

The Choirs are back and rested, ready for a great year of music. Come and see what it is all about. Stop myself or any Choir member if you have any questions. We are happy to answer them.

Remember, sing out loud and strong and "Praise God through music."

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSES

**You are invited to explore the benefits
of a Catholic High School Education**

Please feel free to visit our schools during the times and dates listed below.

DATE:	TIME:	SCHOOL:
SEPTEMBER 2018		
SATURDAY 22	11:00 AM - 1:30 PM	OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY
SATURDAY 29	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	SACRED HEART ACADEMY
SUNDAY 30	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	ST. ANTHONY'S HS
OCTOBER 2018		
SATURDAY 13	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	KELLENBERG MEMORIAL H.S.
	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	CHAMINADE H.S.
SUNDAY 14	2:00 PM - 4:30 PM	ST. MARY'S H.S.
SATURDAY 20	11:00 PM - 2:00 PM	HOLY TRINITY DIOC. H.S.
SUNDAY 21	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOC. H.S.
	1:00 PM - 3:30 PM	ST. DOMINIC H.S.

SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of September 23rd, 2018

Sunday, September 23rd, 2018:

7:30am	CDA Bake Sale	School Lobby
8:30am	RCIA	Cantina
11:00am	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Wkshp
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room

Monday, September 24th, 2018

1:00pm	Senior Group Meeting	SSPJ Room
7:00pm	Adult Education-Thomas Merton	Bethany Center-Main
7:00pm	Boy Scout Meeting	Auditorium

Tuesday, September 25th, 2018:

1:30pm	Spirit of Love Prayer Group	Bethany Center Main Mtg Room
7:00pm	Chords of Faith	Church/ Choir Loft
8:00pm	Boy Scout Leadership Meeting	Monte Building

Wednesday, September 26th, 2018:

10:00am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Philip & James Room
7:00pm	Youth Ministry Meeting	Bethany Center

Thursday, September 27th, 2018:

2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:30pm	Father Charles & Laurie Mangano Concert	Church

Friday, September 28th, 2018:

3:00pm	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Wkshp
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room
8:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church

Saturday, September 29th, 2018

9:00am	REO Special Needs Class	School Main Building
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Banns of Marriage

Third

Anthony Louis Serrapica
St. Joseph's, Garden City

To

Kristen Marie Baranet
St. Barnabas, Bellmore

Weekly Collection: **Sunday September 9, 2018**

Sunday Collection: \$.
Faith Direct: \$3,823
Children's Jug: \$.
Total Collection: \$.

*Many thanks for your
generous support of
Sts. Philip & James Parish*

**Collection for 9/16 was
unavailable at bulletin print
date**

The Pro-Life Rose

For the week of

September 23, 2018

Is Offered for,

Leon Peter Heffron
September 24, 2004

Waiting in joyful hope

Always & Forever,

Carol

Faith, Hope, Love

The Altar Candles
For the week of

September 23rd, 2018

Are burning in memory

of,

Carol Walz

&

Mary Hurski

And the intentions of

Carl Walz ~ Living

Love,

Karl Jr. & Tim Walz

Mass Intentions, For the week of September 23rd, 2018

Saturday, September 22nd, 2018

5:00pm Peter Byrne

Sunday, September 23rd, 2018

8:00am For the Parishioners of SSPJ
10:00am Helen Congdon
12:00Noon Collective Mass:
Arthur Hinchey
Josette Perconti
Fiore & Helen Napolitano
Lasrado Family

Monday, September 24th, 2018

7:30am Ed Reid
9:15am Joseph Kiernan

Tuesday, September 25th, 2018

7:30am Agnes & William Kingston
9:15am Carol Walz

We Ask You to Remember Our Brothers & Sisters In your Prayers

Anna Capizzio	Julianne
Angela Amoroso	Kathleen N.
Angelo Peluso	Kathleen Corcoran
Angela Boccio McComb	Kitty Cronin,
AnnMarie M.	Krista Farley
Baby Mattia Lubrano	Kylie Quigley
Betty Schmidt	Laura Andrucki & family
Brett Dowling	Linda Sue
Brennan Steinorth	Livia Parrella
Bryan Van Colt	Louis Giordano
Camden Bailey	Mark Montesano
Carmela Massaro	Marie DelCiello,
Carole Hennessy	Marie Fabry
Catherine Burseind	Marie Loughlin
Christel DeBlasio	Mary McDonough
Christina Meringolo	Michael LaVecchia
Daisy Abruzzo	Nancy Fornabia
David Shankles	Nicole Theresa
Dawn Kopel	Pasquale Santoro
Dominic Pace	Patricia Casey
Dylan Lauro	Pat Corey
Eileen Zink	Patricia Fontana
Elinor Glasser	Patricia Monetti
Florence Donahue	Patricia Thompson
Gerard Duffy	Paulette Agoglia
Ginny McAuley	Regina Powers
Greg	Roe Hetterich
Helen McDowell	Russell Caiola
Hillary Boehme	Robin Graham Denis
James Gietzen	Rosemary Morgan
Jane Prato	Sean Winters
Jane Wigutow	Suzanne McCue
Jeanine EspositoTansey	Terence Hobbes
Joseph Perconti	Teresa Orlik
Joe Alberigo	Thomas McKay
John Capizzio	Tim Cavooris
Jean McCue	Terry Pace
John Harney	Vivien Cordes
John Hernandez	Vickie Archdeacon Gibb

Wednesday, September 26th, 2018~Saints Cosmas & Damian

7:30am Anthony Lombardo
9:15am Richard Wiedersum

Thursday, September 27th, 2018~St. Vincent dePaul

7:30am Joseph F. Stapp
9:15am Collective Mass:
Barbara Gatto

Friday, September 28th, 2018~Sts. Venceslaus & Lawrence Martyrs

7:30am Agnes Souza
9:15am Kathryn Doran

Saturday, September 29th, 2018

9:15am Richard & Patricia Blowers
5:00pm Frank Grieco

Sunday, September 30th, 2018

8:00am For The Parishioners of SSPJ
10:00am Marie Morales
12:00Noon Collective Mass:
Robert Curti
Donna D'Amore



We Pray for those Who Serve

LCDR. MEGAN M. SHUTKA-VIK, USN
CAPT. WILSON MARKS- USN
CAPTAIN MICHAEL DOLAN- JR.
LT. COL. JOHN KAIREs
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. CONNOR F. SCOTT- USMC
CORPORAL DANIEL P. STEELE-USMC
SGT. CORY O'HARA -USMC
CDR. ROBERT J. MARSH-USN
PFC. CHARLES CHRISTOPHER HOWELL
STEVEN CAVA-USN
ERIC SEELIN- USMC
CW2 CHRIS MUNZ
CW2 NATASHA WORTMAN
CORPORAL JAMES T. CASEY-USMC
GREGORY DEVANEY- USMC
SGT. JOSHUA MAHONEY- US ARMY
KEVIN JONES-USCG
PRIVATE JOSHUA OLSEN-USARNG
GLEN CRIMA-US ARMY
SGT. ANTHONY SCIAMETTA- US ARMY
MARIO CATANIA-USMC
RYAN ANTHONY NASCIMENTO-USMC
ENS. RYAN M. SHOWS -USN
STAFF SGT. RYAN REXRODE-USMC
DR. KARA VANDEKIEFT, LT.COL.-USAF
SGT. STEPHEN D. OUTCAULT-USMC
PAUL MUMOLO-USN
VICTORIA ZEMAN, USCG

Safely Home... We Remember

Celebrating the Liturgy- With Grateful Hearts We Serve

PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR September 29th & 30th, 2018

Saturday, September 29, 2018 5:00 PM	Sunday, September 30, 2018 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, September 30, 2018 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, September 30, 2018 12:00 MASS
Father Tom Haggerty	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Leo Lasrado	Father Patrick Osei-Poku
Deacon John	Deacon John	Deacon Ron	Deacon Ron

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE-FOR September 29th & 30th, 2018

Saturday, September 29, 2018	Sunday, September 30, 2018	Sunday, September 30, 2018	Sunday, September 30, 2018
5:00 PM	8:00 AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
G. Alfano	J. Giacalone	N. Locastro	B. Chandler
I. Arevalo	G. Beisel	B. Luna	M. Laub
R. Byrne	L. Beisel	S. McKie	E. Sotomayer
P. Damato	C. Czujko	M. Morbillo	E. Law
D. Doran	R. Doda, Sr.	P. Rizzo	M. McCreesh
J. Duffy	M. Dunn	M. Sehne	M. Peykar
E. Kaleita, Jr.	R. Fabian	J. Alternative	P. Roman
P. Kaleita	C. Haff	G. Amen	C. Rubano
A. Keenan	W. Haff	D. Bleggi	C. Zito
H. Keenan	J. Harvey	R. Bleggi	G. Zito

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE-FOR September 29th & 30th, 2018

Saturday, September 29, 2018	Sunday, September 30, 2018	Sunday, September 30, 2018	Sunday, September 30, 2018
5:00PM MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
J. Leber	M. Russo	O. Jacobs	E. Zemen
R. Laro	V. Chiappone	S. Cheeseman	C. D'Agostino
M. Page	E. Nicastro	N. Stephens	I. Cole
M. Carlino	K. Nicastro	A. Kaiser	

LECTOR SCHEDULE-FOR September 29th & 30th, 2018

Saturday, September 29, 2018	Sunday, September 30, 2018	Sunday, September 30, 2018	Sunday, September 30, 2018
5:00PM MASS	8:00 AM MASS	10:00AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
D. Sanchez-Rincon	E. Dobres	M. D'Amelia	A. Dinnigan
8th Grade Student	A. Mondrone	M. Cashman	M. Hoonhout

Getting Ready for Next Sunday

September 30th - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle B

Scripture Readings ONLINE

The website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides the text of the Scripture Readings. Go to: www.usccb.org. Click on the date.

Reflections on Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Numbers 11:25-29 Psalm 19
James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Human nature tends to be judgmental. Sometimes our inclination to judge results in elitism, concluding that others are not worthy of our company. Today's readings make God our model for judging. Whom did God ever leave out of God's love? Who was ever unworthy of God's gifts?

Moses had earlier complained to God that he could not provide for Israel in the desert all by himself. To alleviate the situation, God promised to confer Moses' prophetic spirit on seventy elders. Even though Eldad and Medad were not present in the camp when God conferred Moses' spirit, they still received the gift and began to prophesy. The lesson is that God's ability to share the spirit is not restricted. God is the measure.

The author of James maintains that the rich have mistreated their employees. Since they withheld the wages that were due, their silver and gold will corrode and their garments will fall prey to ravaging moths. The wealthy have not realized that God is the God of the poor, and intercedes on their behalf.

In today's gospel passage, Mark brings together sayings of Jesus. In the first saying, Jesus rejects the elitism of the disciples (verses 39-40); in the second (verse 41), anyone who gives the disciple a drink will belong to Christ; in the third (verse 42), Jesus holds up the little ones as totally dependent on God, whom no one may lead astray. Narrow vision will not capture the kingdom.

Narrow vision impedes our growth in faith. God empowers all people with love. Whom do we fail to see as worthy of our love?

-- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.
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 mary carole - michael - evelyn - anne - barbara - tom -
 regina - carole - theresa - paschal - brian - gregory
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 carmella - sally -
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 - aegnes - gen - coronata -
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 matthew - philip - regis - jane - rohn - harold
 henry - joe - frank - marie - jeanine - rory - coleen -
 kristian - lorinda - angela - josie - philip - donald - ralph -
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 - david - daniel - noleen - lucille - karen mary barbara -
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For reflection...

Jesus reminds us not to be exclusive in our view of ministry. "Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ....will not lose their reward." Who has given you "a cup of water"? To whom have you given "a cup of water"? Do any surprising people come to mind?

Jesus says you should get rid of your hand or foot or eye if any of them causes you to sin. What is the point he is making?

The letter of James warns against hoarding. What are some of the challenges in trying to balance responsibility to family and responsibility to the larger community—local, national, global? How might we as a parish address this challenge?

Recently, at an academic dinner, I was sitting across the table from a nuclear scientist. At one point, I asked him this question: Do you believe that there's human life on other planets? His answer surprised me: "As a scientist, no, I don't believe there's human life on another planet. Scientifically, the odds are strongly against it. But, as a Christian, I believe there's human life on other planets. Why? My logic is this: *Why would God chose to have only one child?*"

Why would God choose to have only one child? Good logic. Why indeed would an infinite God, capable of creating and loving beyond all imagination, want to do this only once? Why would an infinite God, at a certain point, say: "That's enough. That's my limit. These are all the people I can handle and love! Anything beyond this is too much for me! Now is the time to stop creating and enjoy what I've done."

Put this way, my scientist friend's hunch makes a lot of sense. Given that God is infinite, why would God ever stop doing what God is doing? Why would God favor just us, who have been already been given life, and not give that same gift endlessly to others? By what logic, other than the limits of our own mind, might we posit an end to creation?

We struggle with this because what God has already created, both in terms of the immensity of the universe and the number of people who have been born in history, is already too much for our imagination to grasp. There are billions and billions of planets, with trillions of processes happening on each of these every second. Just on our planet, earth, there are now more than seven billion people living, millions more have lived before us, and many more are being born every second. And inside of each of these persons there is a unique heart and mind caught-up in an infinite and complex array of joys, heartaches, and moral choices. Moreover, all of these trillions of human and cosmic processes have been going on for millions and billions of years. How can we imagine a heart and a mind somewhere that knows and loves and cares intimately about every individual person, every individual joy, every individual heartache, every individual moral choice, and every individual planet, star, and grain of sand, as if it were an only child?

The answer is clear: It cannot be imagined! To try to imagine this is to end up either in atheism or nursing a false concept of God. Any God worth believing in has to be able to know and love beyond human imagination, otherwise the immensity of our universe and the uniqueness of our lives are not being held inside the loving care of anyone's hand and heart.

But how can God know, love, and care for all of this immensity and complexity? Moreover, how will all these billions and billions of people go to heaven, so that all of us end up in one body of love within which we will be in intimate community with each other? That's beyond all imagination, at least in terms of human capacity, but my hunch is that heaven cannot be imagined not because it is too complex but because it is too simple, namely, simple in the way Scholastic philosophy affirms that God is simple: God so embodies and encompasses all complexity so as to constitute a reality too simple to be imagined.

It seems too that the origins of our universe are also too simple to be imagined: Our universe, in so far as we know it, had a beginning and scientists believe (The Big Bang Theory) that everything originated from a single cell of energy too tiny to measure or imagine. This single cell exploded with a force and an energy that is still going on today, still expanding outward and creating billions and billions of planets in its wake. And scientists believe that all of this will come back together again, involute, sometime in a future which will take billions of more years to unfold.

So here's my hunch: Maybe the billions and billions of people, living and dead and still to be born, in both their origins and in their eventual destiny, parallel what has happened and is happening in the origin, expansion, and eventual involution of our universe, that is, just as God is creating billions and billions of planets, God is creating billions and billions of people. And, just as our physical universe will one day come back together again into a single unity, so too will all people come together again in a single community within which God's intimate love for each of us will bring us together and hold us together in a unity too simple to be imagined, except that now that union with God and each other will not be unconscious but will be known and felt in a very heightened, self-conscious gratitude and ecstasy.