



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

January 24th, 2021
Third Sunday In Ordinary Time
Sunday of the Word of God



"Come after me and I will make you fishers of men."

Mark 1: 17

"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

STS. PHILIP & JAMES PASTORAL STAFF

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Website—www.sspj.org

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Open Monday, Tuesday Wednesday 9am-6pm

Open Thursday 9am-6pm

Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

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Parish of Saints Philip and James
account code NY232 when signing up

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 8:00am mass 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— Monday 1:30pm -7pm

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Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:

\$17,890.

Weekly Collection: Sunday January 17th, 2020

\$ 8,673.

Snow Removal:

597.

Faith Direct : (121 Participants)

3,044.

Total Collections:

\$9,270.

Thank you for your generosity

A reflection from Sister T

January 20, 2021

Dear Friends,

The phone is ringing. Will you answer the call? Most of us answer the call immediately unless we are unsure of the caller. There is one call I hope we never hesitate to answer. And you know the caller!

With all that is happening it was an easy task to look at the scripture readings of last week and this weekend. I continue to see the theme of being called. Recently teaching a class on Baptism it reminded me that we are continually being called, whether it is to serve or join a group or deepen a relationship or change our hearts and minds, true conversion.

Samuel is not yet schooled and so he experiences his call multiple times. Ah but God does not give up. Samuel is instructed by his teacher and learns to say "Speak Lord for your servant is listening." Samuel learns to deepen his relationship with the Lord. When we hear the voice of God calling us, do we stop and say 'speak Lord for your servant is listening' or are we too wrapped up in our own ideas and thoughts? Called to the Sacrament of Baptism we are committed to live out the mission of Jesus. We are called to develop those qualities of our faith that Jesus taught, simplicity, integrity, kindness, joy, trust, gentleness and so much more. How do I, you measure up to that call?

Then we have Simon and Andrew, James and John, they were called as well by the Messiah, Jesus. They heard the call, left everything and followed. Really, they were not sure what they were in for, but the call reached the depths of their souls. They responded YES! They left behind what they knew. What about us, do we hear the call and are we ready and willing to leave behind what we know and have been experiencing during this pandemic? Can we let go negative thoughts, short tempers, judgmental attitudes and the need to be right all the time? Are we able to hear the call of conversion spoken to us through our prayers, Mass and spiritual guides? Not the easiest thing to do but possible. When you get discouraged just look at those characters Jesus chose to follow him. I think we are in good standing!

Funny today the phone is constantly with us and we are willing to pick up the 'call' immediately. Are we so eager to pick up the call from Jesus? I can't answer that for anyone else but myself but each of us is able to check out how we are responding to 'the call'. Where will it take us? How will it change us if we allow it to? Spend some time with these scriptural characters, they may have some good advice.

Till next week,

Sister Theresita

How will you answer the call?

Mass Intentions, For the week of January 24th, 2021

**The Bread & Wine
For The Week of
January 24th, 2021**

**Are Lovingly offered by
Lynn Sisti
In memory of,**

Frankie Cafaro



Eucharistic Adoration

Monday's

From 1:30-7:00pm

In the Church

Remembering in Our Prayers~

Angie Mingione
Angela Amoroso
Anna Ormsby
Antoinette Fisher
Arthur Gureck
Baby Ben
Barbara Bombace
Barbara Ruland
Mattia Rose Lubrano
Belinda Groneman
Belinda Vega
Brianna Florio
Bob Keenan
Carol
Claudia Chandler
Daniel Radice
Deirdre W.
Dolores North
Donna Patrissi
Dorothy Mitchell
Dylan Beach
Ella
Ellie Walsh
Gary McLean
Georgia Priebe
Ginny & John Rief
Gladys Blake
Gregory Parker
Helen
Ida Wehman
Joanna
Jack Donohue
John Cronin
John DeStefano

J.C.
Joseph S.
Luis Anthony
Antonette Sabatino
Judy Rampola
Kathleen N.
Kitty Cronin
Leon Donach
Lisa McLean
Mark Hildreth
Mary Fresi
Maryann Kevlin
Maria Clark
Marie del Cielo
Matthew Parrella
Michael Fisher
Mike Lofaro
Monsignor Iocavacci
Pasquale Savarese
Peter Donach
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Ricardo Buffit
Riordan Cavoris
Sara Jean Andersen
Sheila Ginty
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Theresa Kassay
Tara Cesarski
Vivien Cordes
Victoria Zubrycky
Vicki Archdeacon

Saturday	January 23rd, 2021 Presider: Father Joe Lector: R. Donegan EM: L. Sisti	9:15am 5:00pm	Jeff Pose Thomas Holub
Sunday	January 24th, 2021 Presider: Father Joe Lector: S. Cavoris EM: M. Koke	8am	For the People of SSPJ
	Presider: Father Tom Lector: E. Burke EM: E. Sotomayer	10:00am	Frank Cafaro, Jr.
	Collective Mass Presider: Father Tom Lector: P. Geier EM: P. Parish	12:00pm	Patrick Cawley Joseph Galanti Michael Grady Joseph Winters Bruce C. Ogilvie Richard Cembrale
Monday	January 25th, 2021	7:30am 9:15am	Living~Joe Purpura Living~Pasquale Savarese
Tuesday	January 26th, 2021	7:30am 9:15am	Deacon Kenneth Maher Arthur Newill
Wednesday	January 27th, 2021	7:30am 9:15am	John Schmid Marie Cocco
Thursday	January 28th, 2021	7:30am 9:15am	Eleanor Colucci Collective Mass:
Friday	January 29th, 2021	7:30am 9:15am	The Protection of Unborn Children Mary & Carmen Pontillo
Saturday	January 30th, 2021 Presider: Father Tom Lector: P. Suski EM: D. Anderson	9:15am 5:00pm	Allison Criswell Steve Rannazzisi
Sunday	January 31st, 2021 Presider: Father Tom Lector: E. Dobres EM: V. Portanova	8:00am	For the People of SSPJ
	Presider: Father Joe Lector: A. Kaiser EM: M. Latino	10:00am	Steve Rannazzisi
	Collective Mass Presider: Father Joe Lector: M. Hoonhout EM: B. Luna	12:00pm	Elizabeth Hazlitt John Long Denise DelCore Joseph Contrino



Sunday of the Word of God ~ January 24th, 2021

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path!

Pope Francis instituted 'The Sunday of the Word of God' to be held every year on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time. The Sunday of the Word of God is a means to help people "reawaken an awareness of the importance of Sacred Scripture for our lives as believers, beginning with its resonance in the liturgy which places us in living and permanent dialogue with God." Through the proclaimed biblical readings in the liturgy, God speaks to his people and Christ himself proclaims his Gospel."

For more information please visit: <https://www.homilytools.org/sunday-of-the-word-of-god.html>

Some suggested ways of praying with scripture....

Saint Ignatius Loyola invited a person when an individual made a retreat in the pattern of his Spiritual Exercises to pray to come to know Christ so that one may love him in a more real way and following from this knowledge and love become a more faithful disciple.

In order to grow in this faith knowledge, Ignatius invited the retreatant to engage in a prayer method called contemplation. This is not some kind of mystical prayer but a prayer form in which one uses his or her senses in an imaginative way to reflect on a Gospel passage. One uses the senses, seeing, hearing, tasting, touching, and smelling to make the Gospel scene real and alive.

Here is a way of engaging in this prayer form which is relaxing and rather easy.

1. Select a passage from one of the Gospels in which Jesus is interacting with others.
2. Recall what one is doing in engaging with the Word of God and what one desires from this encounter. God is present and because God is present one relies on God.
3. Read the Gospel passage twice so that the story and the details of the story become familiar.
4. Close one's eyes and reconstruct the scene in one's imagination. See what is going on and watch the men and women in the scene. What does Jesus look like? How do the others react to him? What are the people saying to one another? What emotions fill their words? Is Jesus touching someone? As one enters into the scene, sometimes there is the desire to be there. So a person can place oneself in the scene, perhaps as an observer, as one lining up for healing, or as one helping others to Jesus.
5. Some people's imaginations are very active so they construct a movie-like scenario with a Gospel passage. Others will enter the scene with verbal imagination, reflecting on the scene and mulling over the actions. Vividness is not a criteria for the effectiveness of this kind of prayer. Engagement is and the result is a more interior knowledge of Jesus.
6. As one finishes this time of prayer, one should take a moment to speak person to person with Christ saying what comes from the heart.

When a person wants to use Lectio Divina as a prayer form today, the method is very simple. When one is a beginner, it is better to choose a passage from one of the Gospels or epistles, usually ten or fifteen verses. Some people who regularly engage in this method of prayer choose the epistle or the Gospel for the Mass of the day as suggested by the Catholic Church.

First one goes to a quiet place and recalls that one is about to listen to the Word of God. Then one reads the scripture passage aloud to let oneself hear with his or her own ears the words. When one finishes reading, pause and recall if some word or phrase stood out or something touched one's heart. If so, pause and savor the insight, feeling, or understanding. Then go back and read the passage again because it will have a fuller meaning. Pause again and note what happened. If one wants to dialogue with God or Jesus in response to the word, one should follow the prompting of one's heart. This kind of reflective listening allows the Holy Spirit to deepen awareness of God's taking the initiative to speak with us.

His Words Will Speak To You....Be At Peace....Listen

Parish Social Ministry



We Remember In Our Hearts the families holding precious memories in their hearts from the loss of,

*Lucia Morando and Francis F. Prato
Safely home in the loving arms of Jesus.*

Electrify - As complicated and challenging as trying to limit global warming might seem, one action can be stated simply: Electrify everything. It'll need to happen at a large scale and not just in your home to have the impact the planet needs, but consumer demand can help tip the market. That can mean electric cars, sure — but that's only the beginning. Instead of heating your home with natural gas or oil, consider an efficient electric heat pump. In the kitchen, switching from a gas cooktop to one run by induction can leave your indoor environment cleaner and reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

FOOD PANTRY HELP

CANNED CHICKEN

BABY WIPES

Many thanks for your kindness and generosity



~All life is a gift of God to creation ~

Music Ministry

The Communion song this weekend is Lord You Have Come.

In the Gospel Jesus was by the sea and called Simon, Andrew, James, and John as they were fishing and invited them to follow Him.

Wow, could you imagine leaving everything behind to follow Jesus.

Will we repent and follow Jesus??

This weekends theme is Repent. We repent so we can live fully in God's love.



*This year, the March for Life in DC is on January, 29, 2021.
Due to Covid-19, it is going local/virtual!*

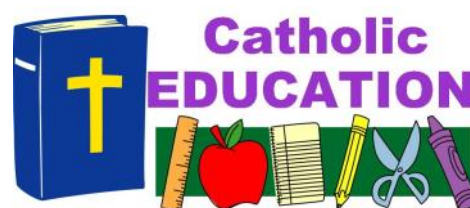
Please visit the diocesan website, DRVC.org to keep up with events scheduled across the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Scroll to the March for Life signs to see the many opportunities on Long Island to pray for life. Here at Sts. Philip and James on Friday, January 29 we will have a Mass at 7:30 AM for the protection of the unborn, followed by the Rosary. All are welcome. Please bring a friend.

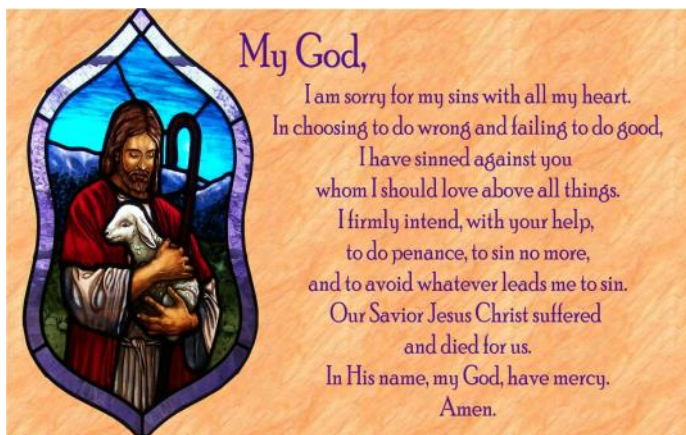


Registration for the 2021-2022 School Year begins on
January 31, 2021

To schedule a tour and for more information contact
Diane Anderson, Principal
danderson@sspjschool.net



JANUARY PRAYER OF THE MONTH THE ACT OF CONTRITION



Religious Education Information

JANUARY ACTS OF SERVICE: "Warming others by your light"

During these winter months we ask you to consider the simple things that keep you warm.... Using your own "fundraising efforts, purchase a warm hat, or gloves or socks for a man, woman or child ...

Place the item(s) that you are sharing in a zip lock bag, with your act of service card, and drop it off at the Parish Center Office from Jan19th-22nd. Your gifts will be shared with someone who is cold, and lonely...

CONGRATULATIONS!

The 8th grade students at Sts. Philip and James School continue to achieve high standards.

Their dedication and commitment to their studies has granted them acceptances to the following Catholic High Schools.



St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School

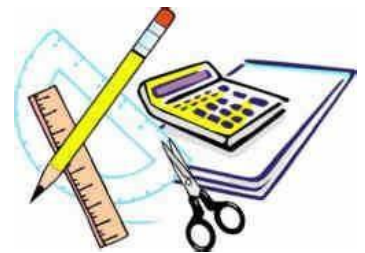
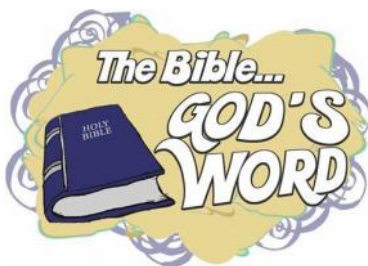
Our Lady of Mercy Academy

St. Anthony's High School

Chaminade High School

St. Dominic High School

Sacred Heart Academy



Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Ps 95:1-2,6-9
1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

Monday February 1

Hebrews 11:32-40
Ps 31:20-24
Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday February 2 Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4
Ps 24:7-10
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

Wednesday February 3

Hebrews 12:4-7,11-15
Ps 103:1-2,13-14,17-18a
Mark 6:1-6

Thursday February 4

Hebrews 12:18-19,21-24
Ps 48:2-4,9-11
Mark 6:7-13

Friday February 5

St. Agatha

Hebrews 13:1-8
Ps 27:1,3,5,8b-9
Mark 6:14-29

Saturday February 6

Sts. Paul Miki & co.

Hebrews 13:15-17,20-21
Ps 23:1-6
Mark 6:30-34

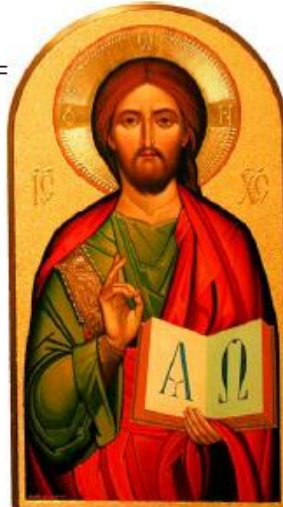
This Sunday's Gospel reading illustrates the authority of Jesus. If we truly accept and understand his authority over our lives, we can rejoice in the Lord even when life hands us hardships.

Why? Because we know that Christ's authority is supreme, which means that everything we've placed under his authority will produce good fruits. Even bad situations will be transformed into blessings. Tragedies will be changed into triumphs. Sorrows will be transfigured into joy. Frustrations will lay the groundwork for new growth, new knowledge, and a greater ability to minister to others.

However, if we reject Christ's authority by acting as if we're the ones in charge, deciding for ourselves how to end a problem or how and when to escape from a hardship, our problems will only get worse. This is called "moral relativism." Pope Francis wrote in his Apostolic Exhortation on the Gospel of Joy (*Evangelii*

Gaudium, paragraph 64) that this leads to a feeling of disorientation instead of joy.

The path to joy has been forged by the footsteps of Jesus. To benefit from his authority over evil and over human sufferings, we have to follow his example and obey his teachings. This means choosing to trust him, realizing that his ways are the best ways even when



they're unpleasant ways. It means that we're willing to reach resurrection glory by going through the cross with Jesus.

There are no successful shortcuts to the triumphant victory that awaits us. There is no easy way to overcome evil. If this were not true, Jesus wouldn't have needed to die on a cross.

The good news – the reason why we can rejoice – is that the most loving, most powerful, most wise One in the universe is using his supreme authority on our behalf. The question is: Will we submit to it?

Reflect & Discuss:

1. In what ways are you still rejecting Christ's authority by trying to do things your own way? Which Church teachings have you been rejecting because you've decided to live by your own rules?
2. Are you willing to ask the Holy Spirit to change your mind on these matters and teach you the value of Christ's ways?
3. In what ways do Christians often reject Christ's authority in favor of defining their own rules? Why?
4. What are the apparent risks to living completely under Christ's strict authority?
5. How can we replace these risks with a sense of safety?

GRIEVING DEATH

Most of us are familiar with the story of *Zorba the Greek*, either through Nikos Kazantzakis' famous book or through the movie. Well, Zorba was not a fictional character. He was a real person, Alexis Zorba, who had such a larger-than-life personality and energy that when he died, Kazantzakis found his death very difficult to accept, incredulous that such energy, verve, and color were mortal.

On learning of Zorba's death, this was Kazantzakis' reaction: *"I closed my eyes and felt tears rolling slowly, warmly down my cheeks. He's dead, dead, dead. Zorba is gone, gone forever. The laughter is dead, the song cut off, the santir broken, the dance on the seaside pebbles has halted, the insatiable mouth that questioned with such incurable thirst is filled now with clay. ... Such souls should not die. Will earth, water, fire, and chance ever be able to fashion a Zorba again? ... It was as though I believed him to be immortal."*

Sometimes it's hard to believe that a certain person can die because of the life and energy that he or she incarnated. We simply cannot imagine that life-pulse dead, stilled, forever gone from this planet. Certain people seem exempt from death because we cannot imagine such energy, color, generosity, and goodness dying. How can such wonderful energy just die?

I have felt that many times in my life; most recently this past week when two former colleagues, both specially spirited, colorful, witty, and generous men, died. Kazantzakis came to mind, and his struggle to accept Zorba's death, along with the way he tried to deal with that death. He decided he would try to "resurrect" Zorba, bring him back to life, by taking his story to the world in such a way so as to transform his life into a myth, a dance, and a religion.

Kazantzakis believed this is what Mary Magdala did in the wake of Jesus' death, when she left his tomb and went back to the world. She resurrected Jesus by telling his story, creating a myth, a dance, and a religion. So, in the wake of Zorba's death, Kazantzakis said to himself: *"Let us give him our blood so that he can be brought back to life, let us do what we can to make this extraordinary eater, drinker, workhorse, woman-chaser, and vagabond live a little longer – this dancer and warrior, the broadest soul, surest body, freest cry I ever knew in my life."*

Bless his effort! It made for a great story, a gripping myth, but it never made for a religion or an eternal dance because that's not what Mary Magdala did with Jesus. Nonetheless, there's still something to be learned here about how to deal with a death that seemingly takes some oxygen out of the planet. We must not let that wonderful energy disappear, but keep it alive. However, as Christians, we do this in a different way.

We read the Mary Magdala story quite differently. Mary went to Jesus' tomb, found it empty, and went away crying; but ... but, before she got to tell anyone any story, she met a resurrected Jesus who shared with her how his energy, color, love, person would now be found, namely, in a radically new modality, inside his spirit. That contains the secret of how we are to give life to our loved ones after they have died.

How do we keep our loved ones and the wonderful energy they brought to the planet alive after they have died? First, by recognizing that their energy doesn't die with their bodies, that it doesn't depart the planet. Their energy remains, alive, still with us, but now inside us, through the spirit they leave behind (just as Jesus left his spirit behind). Further still, their energy infuses us whenever we enter into their "Galilee", namely, into those places where their spirits thrived and breathed out generative oxygen.

What's meant by that? What's someone's "Galilee"? A person's "Galilee" is that special energy, that special oxygen, which he or she breathes out. For Zorba, it was his fearlessness and zest for life; for my dad, it was his moral stubbornness; for my mom, it was her generosity. In that energy, they breathed out something of God. Whenever we go to those places where their spirits breathed out God's life, we breathe in again their oxygen, their dance, their life.

Like all of you, I have sometimes been stunned, saddened, and incredulous at the death of a certain person. How could that special energy just die? Sometimes that special energy was manifest in physical beauty, human grace, fearlessness, zest, color, moral steadiness, compassion, graciousness, warmth, wit, or humor. It can be hard to accept that beauty and live-giving oxygen can seemingly leave the planet.

In the end, nothing is lost. Sometime, in God's time, at the right time, the stone will roll back and like Mary Magdala walking away from the grave, we will know that we can breathe in that wonderful energy again in "Galilee".