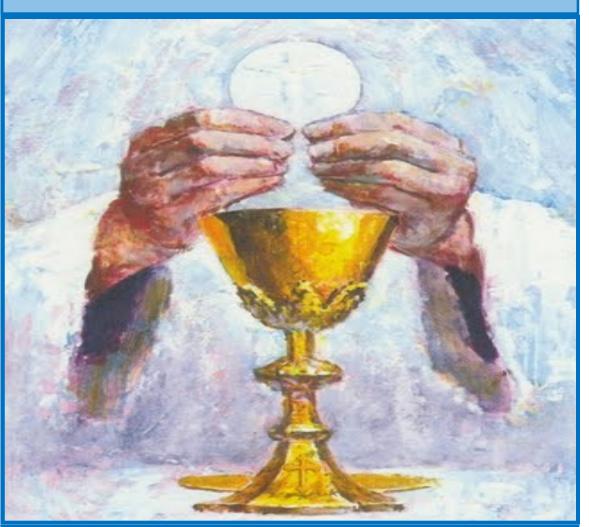


The Most Holy Body and Blood Of Christ

June 3, 2018

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



"I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord."

Psalm 116

"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

Father Patrick Osei-Poku

Deacon Ronald Blasius

Deacon John Keenan

Deacon Ken Maher

Margaret Adams

Virginia Portanova

John Cordes

Lynn Sisti

Charlotte Czujko

Barbara Luna

Dominick Avento

Catherine Darrow

Frank Brancaccio

Pastor

Associate Pastor

Deacon

Deacon

Deacon

Director of Music

Business Manager

Director of Facilities

Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry

Religious Education Coordinator Grades1-2

Religious Education Coordinator Grades 3-6

Religious Education Coordinator Grades 7-8

Religious Education Administrator

Youth Minister

Pastoral Council

Claire DiCarlo, Chris Donnelly, Richard Frazita, Lou Guerra, Kelsey Greco, Cynthia Lombardi, Martin Marut, Ann Mondrone, Mary Ann Pose, Noel Rannazzisi, Tom Sica, Dr. John Primavera

<u>Trustees</u>

Jerry Linder ~ Tina Cafaro

SSPJ School—Principal Ruth E. Testa

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

Sacraments

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

<u>Marriage</u>—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.

<u>Confirmation-</u>Seventh and Eighth grade students are prepared to celebrate through Religious Ed or SSPJ School. Adults prepare through RCIA.

<u>Reconciliation</u>— Available Saturdays from 4:00pm-5:00pm in the Church or by contacting the Parish Center for an appointment.

<u>Anointing of the Sick</u>— 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

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

Please Support the Bread for the World Letter Writing Campaign this weekend June 2nd and 3rd, 2018 After all Masses

In 2018, funding for vital domestic and international anti-hunger and anti-poverty programs is again at risk of deep cuts. Through hand-written letters, we will urge Congress to invest and protect key programs that help improve the lives of men, women, and children facing hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world.

Kindly support this important campaign.

"God has filled the hungry with good things." — Luke 1:53



The Roof Is Being RAISED IN Nahinso, Ghana!!







The Parishioners of St. Thomas church in Nahinso, Ghana are greatly appreciative of the support and compassion they have felt from our SSPJ Parish Family!

With our Lenten project to "Raise the Roof" we have raised over \$6,000 in an effort to assist this community in placing a roof upon this substation church.

Mass is being celebrated there and with God's will, we are continuing our fund raising efforts here at SSPJ in hopes that we can assist in this effort to provide shelter for all who come to worship.

WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!

We are still accepting donations.
Checks are payable to: <u>SSPJ Parish Social Ministry</u>,
In the memo section write:
"<u>RAISE THE ROOF."</u>
Thank You!

The Good News of Sts. Philip & James School



Enrolling Now

We Extend a Welcome and a Welcome Back to all!

Fees waived for all returning SSPJ Students

Enrolling for the 2018- 2019 School Year!

SSPJ School Pre-K -5th grade & SSPJ Academy 6th - 8th grade

The best gift you can give a child is a Catholic Education.

It is a gift that will last a lifetime.

Sts. Philip & James School offers:

High Academic Standards

Strong Faith Formation

Community Support

Character development in a safe and welcoming environment

Personal and individualized attention

Strong focus on providing leadership and service to others

And, SO MUCH MORE

You are welcome to stop in and visit!
View the SSPJ Website and Facebook Page to see all that we have to offer.

Kindly Contact, Mrs. Ruth Testa, School Principal For additional information Or, to setup a tour/class visit, Please call: 631-584-7896

Saints Philip and James Parish Renovation Campaign

"Responding to the Call, as Today's Apostles of Hope"

Goal	\$1,500,000
Total Pledged	\$1,295,333
Paid to Date	\$1,036,808
% of Cash Received	80%
# of Gifts	616
% of Goal	86%

Thank you for your support!

On behalf of Father Tom and the entire campaign committee we wish to thank all parishioners who have made a gift to the campaign.

Help us to reach our Goal!

We are coming closer to reaching our goal and invite you to support the campaign by making a one-time gift or pledge. Pledge envelopes are available at Mass or at the Parish Center. You can also visit our web-site, www.SPNI.org, and donate using Faith Direct.

Thank you for your prompt pledge payments!

Pledge reminders are mailed on the 15th of each month. If you have any questions concerning your pledge or payment schedule, please contact Joe Cascio at 631-921-1578.



WE ARE ALMOST AT OUR CMA GOAL!!! We are currently at 92% of our Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal of \$119,700! In any small way, might you help us reach our goal? Many thanks for your kindness and generosity of heart!

GOAL: \$119,700! Pledges at 5/22/2018 \$109,540.

Thank you Claire DiCarlo, 2018 Anthony Weidner Award Recipient

"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

"Let your light shine so they may see your good works..."

The Children's Ministry, The Spirit of Love Prayer Group and the Church Council are all examples of the shining light Claire brings to our parish. She plants seeds of faith in the young, fosters the burning flames of faith with music and helps guide the Church community in such a way that it is thriving and vibrant for generations to come.

On a more personal level, Claire is a senior administrative director for NorthWell Health, New York state's largest healthcare provider, and, most importantly, a wife, mother to five and an excited grandmother-to-be.

But that is only part of the picture...

"...and glorify your Father in heaven."

This portion of the quote requires that we give the glory for such good works to God. For most this is an arduous if not impossible task, but not for Claire. God's praises are easily released from her lips much in the manner that most of us would say," Good Morning." Her life is faith-based, and she is the resource sought out by many when life's challenges seem too much to bear. She is a vehicle through which Our Father does His best work. Claire, we thank you for your Light, your work and the manifestation of our Lord that is present for us all to see.

Music Ministry

June marks the time when the choirs are winding down. Their rehearsals are done now and they sing until the June 24th weekend. They will be off for the summer returning in the middle of September.

I'd like to take these few weekends to spotlight each choir to acknowledge and thank them for their commitment and dedication to the Music Ministry.

This week I thank and recognize the Chords of Faith.

The Chords of Faith are our teen group. They sing every Saturday and rehearse every Tuesday. They are a good group of young people that love to sing together and praise God through music.

I thank and acknowledge:

Grace Cazzanigia (cantor)
Elena Caruso

Sofia Deleon

Katie Keese (cantor) H.S. Senior graduating this year

Madeleine Kummer

Anthony Spiezio (cantor)

Amanda Fox

We always need new members. If you are in Grades 7-12 think about joining. You will be at Mass anyway so why not sing with us.

The Hands that Make a Difference are the Hands that Volunteer...

Please Join Us Next Saturday, June 9th, 2018

We Sincerely Thank YOU!



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY



THE SSPJ PASTORAL TEAM WISH TO SAY "THANK YOU!"

Honoring our "Apostles of Hope" who serve all Parish Ministries

You and a guest are cordially invited to join us on,

Saturday, June 9, 2018

Please join us at the 5pm Mass for a special blessing

Followed by a fun evening of

Dinner, Music and Dancing

Please consider joining these festivities with great food, wine and music

From 6:00pm—9:00 pm the auditorium

Thank You for all you do!



Kindly mail, drop off at the rectory office, or place in the collection basket.

Clearly label your envelope "VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION PARTY"

YES!I WILL JOIN THE CELEBRATION!!

Please respond before: MONDAY, MAY 29, 2018

NUMBER OF ADULTS (ONLY) ATTENDING (Circle 1 or 2)

NAME(S):





Vacation Bible Camp



July 16th-20th

9:30am - 12:00pm Monday - Friday For children ages 4-9 years old.

Theme "Miracles of Jesus"

Vacation Bible Camp is a long-standing tradition at Saints Philip and James.

VBC is a one week experience where **4 -9 year olds** are introduced to our faith through music, dance, arts & Crafts, outside activities and daily assemblies.

VBC is a place for children to sing, laugh, learn, pray and meet new friends.

Special events and Surprises at the end of the program.

* \$25 Tuition includes supplies, a daily healthy snack and a VBC T-Shirt.

Registration forms will be received at the Rectory One Carow place St. James, NY 11780

CAMPER REGISTRATION 2018

Camper's Name				
Address				
City				
DOB	Age	_ Grade (as of s	9/18)	
Phone #		Cell #		
E-Mail		Allergies		
Emergency Contact				
Contact #	R	elationship		
Special Needs:				
T-Shirt Size (Children's)	S M L	(Adult) S	M L	XL

SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of June 3rd, 2018

Sunday, June 3rd, 2018

8:00am Guild Car Raffle Ticket Sales 10:00am Children's Liturgy 11:00am Stained Glass Club

7:00pm AA Meeting

Outside/ School Lobby Auditorium Stained Glass Wksp Philip & James Room

Monday, June 4th, 2018

1:00pm PSM Rosary Makers

6:30pm Youth Leadership Training 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting Philip & James Room Cantina Auditorium

Tuesday, June 5th, 2018:

1:30pm Spirit of Love Prayer Group 8:00pm Boy Scout Leadership Meeting Prayer Room In Church Monte Building

Wednesday, June 6th, 2018:

4:00pm Peace & Justice Ministry Meeting 7:00pm Youth Ministry

Cantina Auditorium

Thursday, June 7th 2018:

2:00pm Eucharistic Adoration 7:30pm Pre-Baptism Class Chur Philip & James Room

Friday, June 8th, 2018:

7:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm Wash Kit Gang

8:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

Philip & James Room Auditorium Church

Saturday, June 9th, 2018:

10:00amStained Glass ClubStained Glass Wkshp4:30pmGuild Car Raffle Ticket SalesOutside/School Lobby5:00pmChildren's LiturgySchool Multi Purpose Room6:00pmVolunteer Appreciation Dinner DanceAuditorium

Weekly Collection:

Sunday May 27, 2018

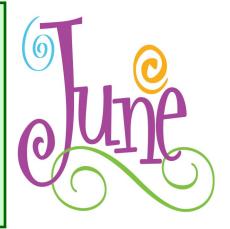
Sunday Collection: \$12,129 Faith Direct: \$3,823 Children's Jug: \$9.

Total Collection: \$15,961.

Many thanks for your generous support of

Sts. Philip & James Parish





Our Bread and Wine

For the Week of June 3rd, 2018

Are Offered,

In loving memory of

Joseph P. Nolan

On your birthday in heaven.

We Love You!

Love,

Ann, Kathleen, Mike, Liam and Sean

Banns of Marriage

First

Marco Saverio Longo~SSPJ <u>To</u> Gina Marie Marcheschi~SSPJ

<u>First</u>

Brian Day ~ St. Patricks
<u>To</u>
Brittany Christiansen~
Good Shepherd –Holbrook

<u>Second</u>

Shawn MacDowell-St. Peter's Islip
<u>To</u>
Christine Cortopassi
SSPJ

Mass Intentions, For the week of June 3rd, 2018

8:00pm	<u>Saturday, June 2nd, 2018</u> Michael G. DiMeglio
8:00am 10:00am 12:00Noon	Sunday, June 3rd, 2018 For The Parishioners of SSPJ John Pavaleka Collective Mass: Rev. Otto Froehlich Rev. William Murphy Connolly & Rathjen Families Gloria Goodyear Jessica Lorraine Nadzan
7:30am 9:15am	Monday, June 4th, 2018 Evelyn Pace Margaret Castiglie

7:30am Tuesday, June 5th, 2018
William & Geraldine Heneghan
9:15am Michael G. DiMeglio

We Ask You to Remember Our Brothers & Sisters In your Prayers those who are ill...

Anna Capizzio Angela Amoroso Angela Boccio McComb AnnMarie M. Baby Mattia Lubrano Betty Schmidt Brett Dowling Brennan Steinorth Bryan Van Colt Carole Hennessy Carol Walz Catherine Burseind Christel DeBlasio **Christopher Tallarico** Christina Meringolo Daisy Abruzzo **David Shankles** Dawn Kopel Dominic Pace Dylan Lauro **Éileen Zink** Elinor Glasser Faith VanGostein Florence Donahue **Gerard Duffy** Ginny McAuley Greg Helen McDowell Hillary Boehme James Gietzen Jane Prato Jeanine Esposito Tansey Josette Perconti Joseph Perconti

Joe Alberigo

John Bombace John Capizzio John Hernandez Julianne Kathleen N. Kitty Cronin, Krista Farley Kylie Quigley Laura Andrucki & family Linda Sue Louis Giordano Mark Montesano Marie DelCiello, Marie Fabry Marie Loughlin Mary McDonough Michael LaVecchia Nancy Fornabia Pasquale Santoro Patricia Casev Patricia Fontana Patricia Monetti Paulette Agoglia Robin Graham Denis Raymond Fox Rosemary Morgan Sean Winters Suzanne McCue Terence Hobbes Teresa Orlik Thomas McKay Terry Pace Vivien Cordes Vicky Gibb

Safely Home... We Remember,

John J. Tramontana, Sr. Jennie Molinelli

Wednesday, June 6th, 2018

7:30am Lucy & Pete Bruno 9:15am Anthony Nelson

Thursday, June 7th 2018

7:30am James Ficht 9:15am <u>Collective Mass:</u> Joseph A. Sewell

Friday, June 8th, 2018

7:30am Margaret Regina 9:15am Benedetta Caltabiano

Saturday, June 9th, 2018

9:15am Paige Keely 5:00pm Mary Castiglie Anderson

Sunday, June 10th, 2018

For the Parishioners of SSPJ

10:00am Anthony J. Sisti

12:00Noon

<u>Collective Mass:</u>

Peter Joseph Loughlin

Steven Gibbons

Ralph Comunale & Josephine Parlato

Thomas Knudsen

We Pray for those Who Serve



8:00am

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, TAFF 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 JOHN VINCENT KNOBLOCH, USMC ERIC SEELIN, ÚSMC CW2 CHRIS MUNZ CW2 NATASHA WORTMAN CORPORAL JAMES T. CASEY, USMC GREGORY DEVANEY, USMC SGT. JOSHUA MAHONEY, US ARMY KEVIN JONES, U.S.C.G. RICHARD MAIER, U.S.M.C PRIVATE JOSHUA OLSEN, USARNG GLEN CRIMA-U.S. ARMY PFC. ANTHONY SCIAMETTA MARIO CATANIA, USMC RYAN ANTHONY NASCIMENTO, U.S.M.C. ENS. RYAN M. SHOWS U.S.N. STAFF SGT. RYAN REXRODE U.S.M.C. DR. KARA VANDEKIEFT, LT.COL.USAF SGT. STEPHEN D. OUTCAULT, USMC PAUL MUMOLO, U.S.N

News From Our Religious Education Ministry

"Participating in the faith formation of our children, that is where a relationship with Jesus, is born...

It begins with loving parents and continues in the faith filled hands of a Catechist"

Our Religious Education Program Is Seeking Catechists
For All Grade Levels:
From Communion II(2nd grade) through Confirmation II (8th grade)
And Our Special Needs Religious Education Program.

We encourage you to pray upon the vocation of Catechist,
If you sense the Holy Spirit inviting you to this special vocation,
Please pray about it...
He will give you everything you need to accomplish this awesome task.

If you would like more information
On becoming a Catechist,
please contact
our Religious Education Office at 631-584-3204.

Registration for the 2018-2019 Religious Education School Year is open from: June 1 thru July 31, 2018

Please visit the Parish website at: www.sspj.org and follow the instructions to enroll your child/children in our Religious Education Program for the 2018-2019 school year.

Any family registering a Fi<mark>rst Grad</mark>er or a child new to our Parish, is asked to contact us to schedule an appointment to register your child.

Please contact us via email at religioused@sspj.org or by phone at 631-584-3204 To arrange a convenient appointment date and time.



PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO STS. PHILIP & JAMES SCHOOL, 359 CLINTON AVENUE, ST. JAMES, NY 11780





2018 Sts. Philip & James Car Raffle

1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

DONATION: 1 for \$20 / 6 for \$100

1st PRIZE:

Win a 2018 Mercedes-Benz CLA250 4MATIC® 2 Year Lease

2nd Prize: \$250...3rd Prize: \$100...4th Prize: \$100...5th Prize: \$100

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Congratulations SSPJ Alumni On Your Honor Roll Accomplishments!

Saint John The Baptist:

Summa Cum Laude Honors

Margaret Pappas Grace Cazzaniga Julia Kormylo Bradley deBoer

Magna Cum Laude Honors

Marilyn Theagene Kathrine Dobkowski Kathrine Plotas Jessica Tucciarone

Cum Laude Honors

Theresa Constantine Daniel Pisano Ava Moncayo Caitlin Johannes Meghan Skakandi Jacklyn Theagene

Our Lady of Mercy

Alexandra DeVito Erin Nicastro Claire Wos Elizabeth Cirelli Hannah Collett

Kellenberg Memorial High School

Ava Kaiser

Chaminade High School

Machado E. Rodriguez Paul R. Caruso Mark A. Cirelli Noah K. Hoonhout John G. McKie Brian M. Willman

Please Join The Wash Kit Gang

On Friday, June 1, 2018

From 7pm-8pm in the Auditorium

Donations of trial size soap, trial size shampoo, zip lock sandwich bags, wash cloths, band aids, and hard candy are always needed and appreciated.

All are invited to attend. Children must be accompanied by a parent, but are always welcome.

Please help us to help those in

Respect Life News

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It is not too late to donate to the Respect Life Baby Shower.
We are still in need of diapers (sizes 1-4)/wipes, baby clothes newborn to size 4, all baby items such as bath supplies, bottles, strollers, bath tubs, towels, etc.
Please call 862-9370 or bring them to Katie's Way Collection on June 9, 2018
AT:
403 Lake Ave. St. James 1PM
and 3PM
PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE
DONATIONS
IN THE CHURCH Respect Life Baby Shower.

HELP IS NEEDED AT: OUR DAILY BREAD SOUP KITCHEN/FOOD PANTRY

St. James Catholic Church in Setauket is looking for a Volunteer to take over the role of Treasurer of Our Daily Bread.

This job involves tracking revenue and expenditures, managing the checking account and preparinig a monthly financial statement for Our Daily Bread.

Please contact Dan Liddy at 631-751-2869 for a more detailed job description, if you are interested and can give of your time.

Thank you.



JUNE 21ST - 24TH

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Please consider one of our 2018 Family Festival sponsorship opportunities

Festival Sponsor

As a Festival Sponsor your name will appear in SSPJ festival promotions as wells as be prominently displayed at the festival. Festival Sponsors will receive 10 Pay-One-Price tickets.

RIDE SPONSOR!

As a Ride Sponsor your name will be displayed at a ride at the festival.

Ride Sponsors will receive 4 Pay-One-Price tickets.

Family Festival Supporter

As a Family Festival Supporter your name will be displayed on signage along with other supporters. Festival Supporters will receive 2 Pay-One-Price tickets.

Pay-One-Price tickets are good for unlimited rides any one day of the SSPJ Festival.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please email Nancy Paz Greubel at npaz@fpfconstruction.com or call (516) 220-2771

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Price
Festival Sponsor \$1,500

□Ride Sponsor....\$500

Supporter \$200

Please return no later than June 13th.

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Phone _____ E-Mail ____

Please list our donation as follows:

Amount Enclosed:

Please make checks payable to: Sts. Philip & James, Family Festival Committee 359 Clinton Avenue, St. James, NY 11780

Celebrating the Liturgy-With Grateful Hearts We Serve

PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR June 9th & 10th 2018

Saturday, June 9, 2018 5:00 PM	Sunday, June 10, 2018 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, June 10, 2018 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, June 10, 2018 12:00 MASS
Father Tom Haggerty	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Patrick Osei-Poku
Deacon Ron	Deacon Ron	Deacon John	Deacon John

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE - FOR June 2nd & 3rd, 2018

Saturday, June 9, 2018	Sunday, June 10, 2018	Sunday, June 10, 2018	Sunday, June 10, 2018
5:00 PM	8:00 AM MASS	10:OO AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
I. Arevalo	P. Kanuika	G. Patalano	C. Zito
R. Byrne	M. Kenney	L. Patalano	G. Zito
P. Damato	A. Mantia	W. Rodriguez	D. Coppola
D. Doran	R. Doda, Sr.	J. Scott	D. LaVecchia
J. Duffy	M. Dunn	L. Sisti	B. Chandler
A. Dunn	K. Consenz	M. Spina	M. Lebrun
D. Earl	J. Giacalone	J. Sweeney	J. Linder
M. Fox	W. Van Gostein	J. Tafra	M. Napoli
E. Kaleita, Jr.	G. Beisel	M. Tangel	T. Pace
P. Kaleita	L. Beisel	M. Tully	A. Santo

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE -FOR June 9th & 10th, 2018

Saturday, June 9, 2018	Sunday, June 10, 2018	Sunday, June 10, 2018	Sunday, June 10, 2018
5:00PM MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
S. McCalvin	K. Illari	A. Romero	A. Miloscia
M. Pappas	T. Illari	G. Romero	M. Miloscia
J. Scomillio	J. Koester	G. Cusumano	A. Frankenberger
R. Lauro	C. Morbillo	N. Cusumano	B. Frankenberger
	G. Morbillo	P. Cusumano	

LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR June 9th & 10th, 2018

Saturday, June 9, 2018	Sunday, June 10, 2018	Sunday, June 10, 2018	Sunday, June 10, 2018
5:00PM MASS	8:00 AM MASS	10:00AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
M. Riley	M. Sehne	C. Philips	C. Rubano
M. Dreschler	C. Czujko	M. D'Amelia	M. Hoonhout

WHERE SUMMER VACATION IS OUR JOB! ST. JAMES CAMPUS AT SSPJ SCHOOL!



Campers, ages 3 and up, enjoy fun-filled summers with incredible activities, including Sports, Arts & Crafts, Swimming, Gaming, GaGa, Go Karts, Bowling, Field Trips, Special Events and much more. Our premier facilities, top-notch staff, and unique affordability have earned us the reputation as one of the best summer camps on Long Island!







Summer is Filled With FUN at Camps 'R' Us!



SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES COUNCIL COUNCIL #12839

KNIGHTS ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018

Smithtown Landing Country Club 495 Landing Avenue • Smithtown, NY 11787





FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contact: Thomas Sica (631) 521 – 4771 sikachu45@hotmail.com

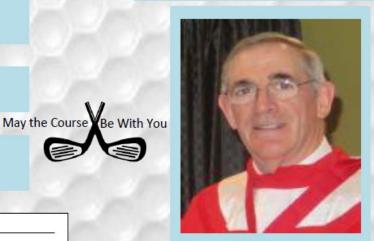
Registration: 8:30 am Shotgun Tee Off: 10 am

Breakfast Sponsored By:

Doda's Gold Shield Catering

This Year's Honoree:

Mike Tully



NAME:
Address:
Phone:
E-Mail:
Number of Players: \$175.00 per person (includes Golf Cart, Lunch, Cocktail Hour, Dinner)
Dinner only: \$75.00 per person
Total: \$
Number attending:

Please Make Checks Out To:

Sts. Philp & James K of C Council #12839 P.O Box 201 St. James, NY 11780

For Credit Card or PayPal:

Please Visit Our Home Page / Website: www.kofcsspj.org

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Dinner Sponsorship @ \$1,000 - (2 Available)
Lunch Sponsorship @ \$500 - (2 Available)
Driving Range Sponsorship @ \$500 (2 Available
Tee Signs Sponsorship @ \$100 each
Cart Sponsorship (1) \$300
Putting Green Sponsorship (4) @ \$250 each
Pin Flag Sponsorship (18) @ \$125 each

Spiritual Reflection by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

MERCY, TRUTH, AND PASTORAL PRACTICE

Recently a student I'd taught decades ago made this comment to me: "It's been more than twenty years since I took your class and I've forgotten most everything you taught. What I do remember from your class is that we're supposed to always try not to make God look stupid."

I hope that's true. I hope that's something people take away from my lectures and writings because I believe that the first task of any Christian apologetics is to rescue God from stupidity, arbitrariness, narrowness, legalism, rigidity, tribalism, and everything else that's bad but gets associated with God. A healthy theology of God must underwrite all our apologetics and pastoral practices. Anything we do in the name of God should reflect God.

It's no accident that atheism, anti-clericalism, and the many diatribes leveled against the church and religion today can always point to some bad theology or church practice on which to base their skepticism and anger. Atheism is always a parasite, feeding off bad religion. So too is much of the negativity towards the churches which is so common today. An anti-church attitude feeds on bad religion and so we who believe in God and church should be examining ourselves more than defending ourselves.

Moreover more important than the criticism of atheists are the many people who have been hurt by their churches. A huge number of persons today no longer go to church or have a very strained relationship to their churches because what they've met in their churches doesn't speak well of God.

I say this in sympathy. It's not easy to do God adequately, let alone well. But we must try, and so all of our sacramental and pastoral practices need to reflect a healthy theology of God, that is, reflect the God whom Jesus incarnated and revealed. What did Jesus reveal about God?

First, that God has no favorites and that there must be full equality among races, among rich and poor, among slave and free, and among male and female. No one person, race, gender, or nation is more favored than others by God. Nobody is first. All are privileged.

Next, Jesus taught that God is especially compassionate and understanding towards the weak and towards sinners. Jesus scandalized his religious contemporaries by sitting down with public sinners without first asking them to repent. He welcomed everyone in ways that often offended the religious propriety of the time and he sometimes went against the religious sensitivity of his contemporaries, as we see from his conversation with the Samaritan woman or when he grants a healing to the daughter of a Syro-Phoenician woman. Moreover he asks us to be compassionate in the same way and immediately spells out what that means by telling us the God loves sinners and saints in exactly the same way. God does not have preferential love for the virtuous.

Shocking to us too is the fact that Jesus never defends himself when attacked. Moreover he is critical of those who, whatever their sincerity, try to block access to him. He surrenders himself to die rather than defend himself. He never meets hatred with hatred and dies loving and forgiving those who are killing him.

Jesus is also clear that it's not necessarily those who explicitly profess God and religion who are his true followers, but rather those, irrespective of their explicit faith or church practice, who do the will of God on earth.

Finally, and centrally, Jesus is clear that his message is, first of all, good news for the poor, that any preaching in his name that isn't good news for the poor is not his gospel.

We need to keep these things in mind even as we recognize the validity and importance of the ongoing debates among and within our churches about whom and what makes for true discipleship and true sacrament. It is important to ask what makes for a true sacrament and what conditions make for a valid and licit minister of a sacrament. It is important too to ask who should be admitted to the Eucharist and it is important to set forth certain norms be followed in preparation for baptism, Eucharist, and marriage.

Difficult pastoral questions arise around these issues, among other issues, and this is not suggesting that they should always be resolved in a way that most immediately and simplistically reflects God's universal will for salvation and God's infinite understanding and mercy. Admittedly, sometimes the long-term benefit of living a hard truth can override the short-range need to more quickly take away the pain and the heartache. But, even so, a theology of God that reflects the compassion and mercy of God should always be reflected in every pastoral decision we make. Otherwise we make God look stupid – arbitrary, tribal, cruel, and antithetical to church practice.

Marilynne Robinson says Christianity is too great a narrative to be underwritten by any lesser tale and that should forbid in particular its being subordinated to narrowness, legalism, and lack of compassion.