



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

January 13, 2019
The Baptism of the Lord



*And a voice came from heaven,
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."
Luke 3: 21-22*

*"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

Sunday ~ Closed
Monday: 9am-8pm

Parish Center office Hours
Tuesday & Wednesday: 9am-8pm
Thursday: 9am-5pm

Friday: Closed
Saturday: 10am-2pm

Parish Center Phone ~ 631-584-5454

Parish Center Fax~ 631-862-9675

Web ~ www.sspj.org

Pastoral Team

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Deacon
Deacon
Deacon
Pastoral Associate
Music Director
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Director of Facilities
Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry
Religious Education Coordinator Grades 1-2
Religious Education Coordinator Grades 3-6
Religious Education Coordinator Grades 7-8
Religious Education Administrator
Youth Minister

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Michael Sharkey , Richard Frazita, Lou Guerra, Kelsey Greco, Cynthia Lombardi,
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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.

RCIA— 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,

Today we bring to a close the Christmas season as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Just over two short weeks ago we celebrated the birth of the Child of Bethlehem. Now, as a grown man Jesus presents himself to John the Baptist, acknowledging it's time to move on to the next phase of his calling. What will that ministry entail? What does the future hold?

While most of us were baptized as infants, we, like Jesus, are constantly called to continue our journey. Sr. Joyce Zimmerman puts it this way:

The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus, so does the Holy Spirit descend upon us;

Jesus is the beloved Son, so are we beloved children;

God was well pleased with Jesus, so is God well pleased with us.

To what does such a baptism call us? What do we expect? What does God expect?

As we grow from infants to adults, these questions grow with us. We need to continue to grow with – not so much “answers”, but “responses”. Answers can sometimes come too quickly and be too limiting. Responses seem to invite more reflection, more action, more openness, and more hope. Perhaps this week we might each make some time to reflect on our Baptism, and on the fact that we are God's beloved. Then, let's consider how we are responding to that amazing experience.

Once again I invite you to consider exploring the Baptism Ministry at SSPJ. Perhaps you might be an Apostle of Hope by serving as a host at Baptism ceremonies, or the pre-Baptism blessing Mass. Or perhaps your Baptismal commitment might lead you to serve in another ministry. Please take some time to pray about your call - and your response.

I invite everyone to plan on visiting our school during Catholic Schools Week which begins January 27th. This advance notice enables you to mark your calendar to spend some time visiting SSPJ School, including our Early Childhood Department and our Middle School Academy. It's a delight to see the gospel lived, Christ encountered, and academic excellence achieved along with multiple after school clubs. Details will be forthcoming. Please plan to “come and see”!

On Sunday, February 10th, at the 12 noon Mass, all married couples wishing to renew their vows are invited to do so during the liturgy. Please leave your name and the number of years you are celebrating at the rectory.

Finally, I'll be off this week and heading toward the sun! The joyful friar, Father Kevin Cronin, will be filling in for me. Please give him your characteristic warm welcome.

As you remain in the cold, please forgive these “jokes”!

Q: What do you call ten rabbits hopping backwards through the snow together? A: A receding hare line.

Q: What type of diet did the snowman go on? A: The Meltdown Diet

Q: Why did the boy keep his trumpet out in the snow? A: Because he liked cool music.

Q: What did the snowman have for breakfast? A: Frosted Snowflakes

Q: What often falls in the winter but never gets hurt? A: Snow

Peace,

Father Tom

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

MARCH FOR LIFE 2019

The Annual March For Life will take place on Friday Jan. 18th, 2019.



Anyone looking for a bus to D.C. please call Kevin Crowley @ Infant Jesus Parish @ 631-873-8950.

The Abortion Expansion Act: Lives in the Balance



New York State Catholic Conference

Sadly, New York State is the Abortion Capital of our nation, with a rate of 29.6 abortions for every 1,000 women of reproductive age. That's more than twice the national average.

New York legalized abortion in 1970, three years before the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Roe vs. Wade*. Abortion is legal here for any reason up to 24 weeks of pregnancy, and any time after that if the mother's life is at risk. So even if *Roe* were to be overruled, the vast majority of abortions in our state would continue to be legal and available.

The Governor and the Democratic leadership in the New York State Legislature want to go even further, and make abortion less safe and more expansive than it is now. They've promised to enact the so-called "Reproductive Health Act" early in 2019. This bill would:

- Allow non-doctors to perform abortions.
- Allow abortions for any reason in the third trimester of pregnancy right up to a mother's due date.
- Remove all criminal penalties for abortion, even if it was contrary to the mother's choice, such as the intentional targeting of an unborn child in an act of violence.
- Remove our state's protections for infants accidentally born alive in the course of an abortion.

This extremism goes far beyond *Roe vs. Wade*!

Take Action Now

Pro-life New Yorkers need to stand up in unison and make their voices heard on behalf of women and their unborn children. Tell your state lawmakers that enough is enough.

Here's a simple way to do this. Go to the New York State Catholic Conference website at www.nyscatholic.org. Click on "Stop Abortion Expansion." Enter your home address information, then select "Send Message." Your message will automatically be sent to your State Senator, State Assembly Representative and the Governor. **Please do it as soon as you can. It is so important to register our strong protest at this time.**

Tragically, the political reality following the 2018 mid-term elections means that we are unlikely to defeat this measure in the State Legislature. Governor Andrew Cuomo is a strong proponent of the bill, and has promised to sign it into law.

If the legislation is indeed enacted into law this year, we must do all we can to ensure that vulnerable women facing unplanned pregnancies do not avail themselves of it.

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What More Can We Do?

As a caring and compassionate people, we can also:

1. Pray.

Pray for the intercession of St. Gianna Molla, the patron saint of mothers, physicians and preborn children. Pray for changed minds, changed hearts and a deeper awakening to the sacredness and dignity of all human life.

2. Provide life-affirming choices for women.

Here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre immediate assistance is available for women and families with an unexpected or unplanned pregnancy. In collaboration with Catholic Charities, CHS has established a one-call outreach program via 1 (855) 301-4CHS with access to resources in the community. Services are given both to uphold the unborn baby's right to life and help sustain mother and baby following birth.

3. Help women and men who have suffered an abortion.

Programs offering hope and healing following abortion are also available. Project Rachel is a network of specially trained, compassionate caregivers, who are prepared to assist those who suffer from abortion loss. Call 1-516-766-2538 se habla espanol | Email projectrachel@drvc.org to begin healing after abortion loss.

4. Build the Culture of Life.

- Talk the pro-life talk... with your family members, friends, co-workers, schoolmates. We can build consensus and change the culture one person at a time.
- Help educate the next generation. We must nurture young pro-life leaders who are unconditionally, unapologetically pro-life, who see the connection between their faith and their politics, and who are willing to put their faith into action.
- Walk the pro-life walk... every minute of every hour of every day. Teach people to love and value one another. Our actions and words must reflect our respect and deep appreciation for the wondrous gift of human life.



New York State Catholic Conference

www.nyscatholic.org

518-434-6195

Celebrate! Religious Freedom Day is Here!

"Each year since 1993, the President declares January 16th to be 'Religious Freedom Day,' and calls upon Americans to 'observe this day through appropriate events and activities in homes, schools, and places of worship.'
Sunday Jan. 13th is Religious Freedom Sunday

"This is a great opportunity to teach students a civics lesson about the First Amendment and how it can be applied to schools," writes Gateways to Better Education.

Our Founders leaned heavily on Thomas Jefferson's *Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom*, passed on January 16, 1786, when they established the First Amendment's guarantee of religious freedom. This Virginia legislation stopped the practice of taxing people to pay for the support of the local state approved church and clergy and it protected the civil rights of people to express their religious beliefs without suffering discrimination.

To commemorate the day, schools can recognize Religious Freedom, the foundation of all our freedoms, with some of the following ideas:

* Read the Presidential Proclamation that every president composes and signs each year on January 16th and can be found at www.whitehouse.gov.

* Ask students to discuss and/or write about "What religious freedom means to me."

* Talk about countries where religious freedom is not allowed and that almost 3/4 of the world's population is denied this freedom that Americans enjoy.

Action Steps:

1. Contact your local School District and Board of Education and encourage them to recognize and celebrate Religious Freedom Day.
2. Go to www.cffor.org and www.GoGateways.org for additional information and ideas.

JANUARY 2019

A Whole Month of Liturgical Content on formed.org!

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SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Study: [The Bible and the Virgin Mary, Session 8: Mother Crowned in Glory*](#)
Study: [Footprints of God: Mary, the Mother of God](#)
Watch: [Mary of Nazareth](#)

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SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Study: [Advent, Session 4: The Gift](#)
Listen: [The Mystery of Christmas](#)

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SOLEMNITY OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Study: [The Wild Goose, Segment 7: The Spirit of Adoption](#)
Read: [Sacraments in Scripture](#)
Listen: [Changed Forever](#)
Estudiar: [Bautismo](#)

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SAINT AGNES

Listen: [Love or Lust?](#)
Read: [Freedom: Battle Strategies for Conquering Temptation](#)

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DAY OF PRAYER FOR LEGAL PROTECTION FOR THE UNBORN

Study: [Symbolon, Living the Faith: Session 10, Catholic Social Teaching*](#)
Watch: [Angel in the Waters](#)
Listen: [There is Life in the Womb](#)

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SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

Study: [True Reformers, Session 6: Saint Francis de Sales](#)
Read: [Introduction to the Devout Life](#)

The Knights of Columbus

Hospitality Sunday

Sunday, January 13th, 2019

*All are welcome to a light
breakfast,
Sharing faith and making
new friends!*

*Come Join Us in the
Auditorium after the
8am and 10am masses*

Help Wanted

The baptism ministry is in
**urgent need for
accompanists.**

Anyone who can play
piano or any instrument is
welcome.

Baptisms are every other
Sunday at 2pm.

Music is easy.

***The more volunteers the
less the commitment.***

Could be as little as once
a month. Please
prayerfully consider
helping. Contact the
music office
at 631-584-5454 Ex 203
to sign up. *Thank you.*



Help Wanted ~ Eucharistic Minister Needed

*The loving hands and heart of an
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
is needed to assist at
Thursday's Eucharistic Adoration.
2-4pm*

*You are asked to expose and repose the
Blessed Sacrament.*

*Assignment is on a rotating basis,
approximately once every six weeks.*

*If you are interested in assisting with this
most grace filled calling,
Kindly contact Dan Liddy at 631-751-2869*





*PARISH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
LITURGY AND CELEBRATION*

On Sunday, February 10th at the 12:00 Noon Mass, it will be our privilege to honor all those couples in our parish who would like to renew their marriage vows.

A light reception will be held in the auditorium following the Mass.

Please call the rectory office at 631 584-5454 to register if you are interested in renewing your wedding vows at this Mass. Registration information must be received no later than Monday, February 4th.

Take a Chance on
The Pot O' Gold Raffle
First Prize ~ \$5,000.

2nd Prize ~ 4 Yankee tickets~ (Donated by Corporate Transfer & Storage ~ The Verderber Family)

3rd Prize ~ Dinner for 4 ~ The Irish Coffee Pub (\$200.00 value)

Ticket Sales begin next weekend: January 19th and 20th In the School lobby

Ticket Cost: \$10.00 each or 6 for \$50.00

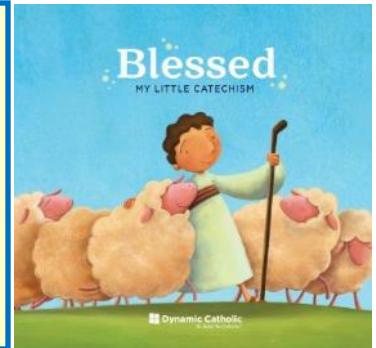
Winner need not be present to win. ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT STS. PHILIP & JAMES CHURCH

Religious Education Ministry : For Week of January 13th, 2019

First grade lessons With "Miss Charlotte"

Tuesday January 15th from 4:30-5:30pm in the Bethany Center
Or,
Wednesday, January 16th from 4:30-5:30pm in the Bethany Center
Families are asked to attend the class date they were assigned to.

Thank you



Prayer of the Month for January, 2019



Act of Contrition

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all **my heart**.
In choosing to do wrong, and failing to do good,
I have sinned against You,
Whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads
me to sin.
Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have Mercy. **Amen!**

We've adopted a new and improved way of communicating that will make it much simpler for you to get the information you want from us! It's powered by a service called Flocknote.

By just taking a few minutes to sign up, you'll be able to receive email or text messages from Religious Education .

AS WE APPROACH WINTER WEATHER, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILIES ARE ENROLLED IN FLOCK NOTES.

Simple Instructions:

On your cell phone press the Text application button.

For Religious Education Parents and Catechists follow the instructions below.

For First and Second Grade Parents or Catechists: TEXT the word **SSPJ-Communion** (no spaces) to number **84576** and follow the instructions on your phone and you're done.

For Third thru Sixth Grade Parents or Catechists: TEXT the word **SSPJ-CRE** (no spaces) to number **84576** and follow the instructions on your phone and you're done.

For Seventh and Eighth Grade Parents or Catechists: TEXT the word **SSPJ-Confirm** (no spaces) to number **84576** and follow the instructions on your phone and you're done.

.And it's important for you to know that you can update your communication preferences or unsubscribe from any of these updates at any time!



JANUARY 13TH, 2019

DUE JANUARY 20TH

The Baptism of the Lord

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Complete only if you were UNABLE to attend Children's Liturgy of the Word on
Saturday, Jan 12th or Sunday Jan 13th



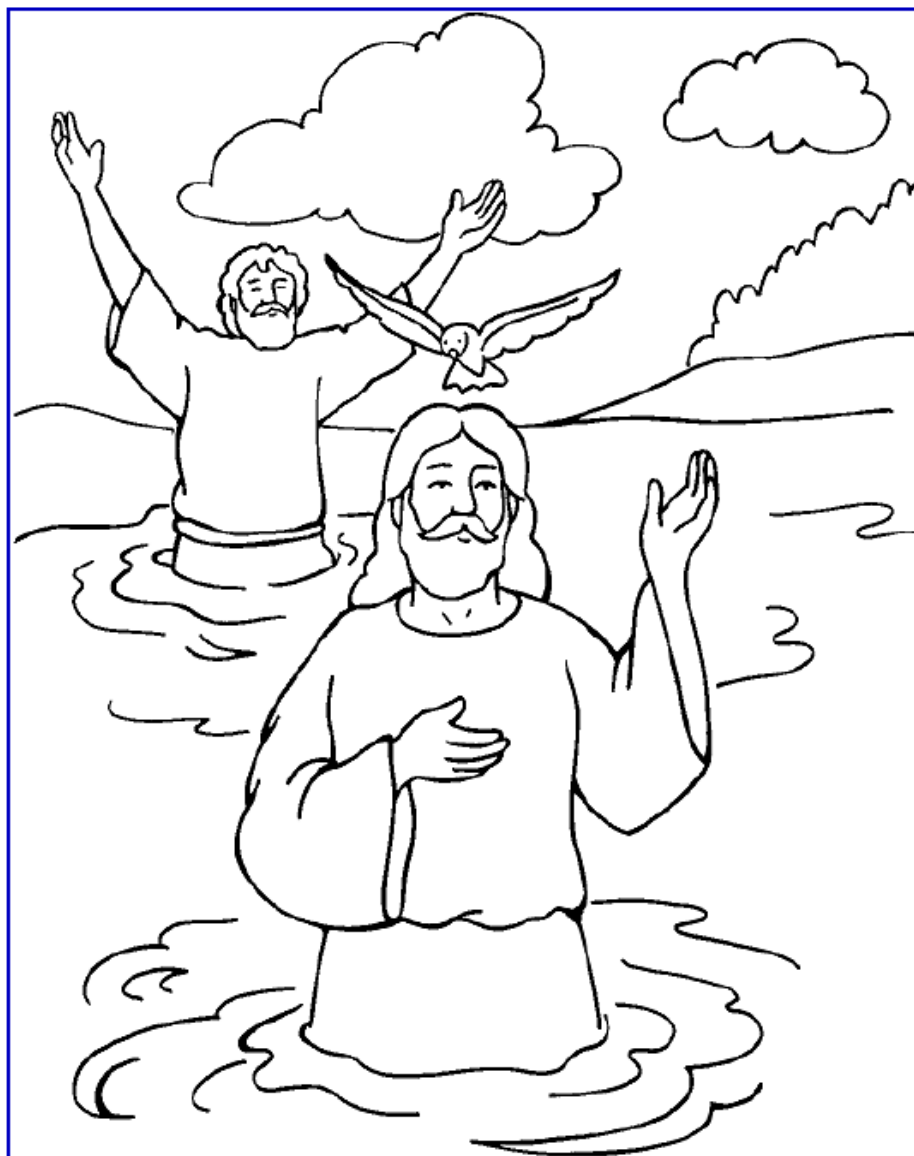
My Name Is: _____

I Am In Grade: _____

My Catechist "Teacher's" Name Is: _____

God said, "This is my Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Jesus is baptized by John (Please color)



List Three Things You can
do this week that will
make your
family happy:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



Pray,

Jesus I love you, help
me each day to be
just like you.

Amen



The Baptism of the Lord
Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
Jesus is Baptized by John

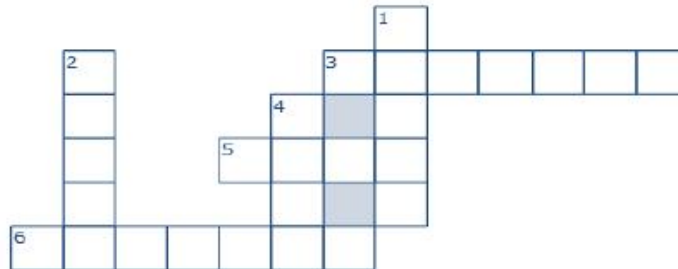
My Name IS: _____

I AM IN GRADE: _____

MY TEACHERS NAME IS: _____

The Baptism of Jesus

One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. Luke 3:21 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. Shoes that are fastened to the foot by straps.
5. The Holy Spirit came down from heaven in the form of a _____.
6. When Jesus prayed, the _____ opened.

DOWN

1. The liquid that John used to baptize people.
2. What was heard when Jesus was baptized.
4. The name of the man who baptized Jesus.

John
dove

voice
sandals

water
heavens

Holy Water is a reminder of our Baptism.

Where can you find the holy water fonts in our church?

How many Holy water Fonts are in our Church? _____

Don't' forget...Gently dip your finger into the holy water font and bless yourself making the sign of the cross.

Remind everyone in your family to make this very special blessing!





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SUNDAY MASS REFLECTIONS
Confirmation I & II (Grades 7 & 8)

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Name of Teacher/Catechist: _____

The Baptism of Our Lord, January 12th / 13th, 2019

PLACE COMPLETED PAPER IN THE "APOSTLE OF HOPE BASKET" AT MASS NEXT WEEKEND (Jan 19/20)

Word Search Puzzle: Words can be found either forward, reverse, vertical, horizontal or diagonal.

S U S E J B E L O V E D S O N R S I P
A W E N A E B C U O D N B R A X U Q M
N L D O V D A G H I O V O I C E N R Z
D Q M R S A P L C N V I N K D L J E R
A Z C I B F T L W B E C M L E P O V X
L X F Y G O I B H O L Y R S P I R I T
S C I N I H S R A D G H J K U T D R O
G V R Q W R M S X P W E R W I Y A C S
H B E T Y H U Y Z X T A C S E F N L H
J N F X H E A V E N Y I T Y N I X U T
K C H R I S T P X V S U Z E B R I K Y
L M T H O N M A B N G I K E R U T E N
T S I T P A B E H T N H O J Y P C T L

Find These Words or Phrases

- | | | |
|------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| - Almighty | - Gospel | - Purify |
| - Baptize | - Heaven | - River |
| - Beloved | - Holy | - Sandals |
| - Christ | - Jesus | - Son |
| - Clean | - John the Baptist (no spaces) | - Spirit |
| - Dove | - Jordan | - Voice |
| - Fire | - Luke | - Water |

The Parish of Sts. Philip & James is planning a BIG EVENT!

The Magic of Ireland

Saturday, March 2nd, 2019

We are seeking Sponsors to lead the way toward that *"Pot of Gold:"*

Saint Patrick's Sponsor ~ \$1,000

Includes prominent acknowledgement in the church lobby, church bulletin,
and Parish website and Four complimentary tickets to the event.

Shamrock Sponsor ~ \$500

*Includes prominent acknowledgement in the church lobby, church bulletin and Parish website and
Two complimentary tickets to the event*

Celtic Sponsor ~ \$250

*Acknowledgement in church lobby, church bulletin and on Parish website and
One complementary ticket to the event.*

Leprechaun Sponsor ~ \$100

Acknowledgement in the church bulletin and on the Parish website

I am interested in becoming a:

Saint Patrick's Sponsor at \$1,000 _____

Shamrock Sponsor at \$500. _____

Celtic Sponsor at \$250. _____

Leprechaun Sponsor at \$100. _____

My Contact Information : Name as you would like it to appear in acknowledgement

Contact#: _____

Accepting sponsorship until February 1st, 2019

Kindly return Sponsorship form to Parish Center Office

For more information please contact Marianne Koke at 631-335-7111

All are invited to join our Parish and School Community

As we Celebrate...

The Magic of Ireland ~ Saturday, March 2, 2019

Celebration begins with the 5:00pm mass

Of Irish Inspiration

*Then continues on the other side of the rainbow with,
A Traditional Irish dinner, live music ,dancing, door prize, raffles and
Fun!*

*To join the festivities just follow the shamrocks to the other side
of the rainbow*

Your Ticket includes dinner, beer, soda, dessert & coffee

You are invited to BYOB and appetizers

The Magic of Ireland ~Ticket Request Form

#Tickets: _____ At \$35.00/per person Total Enclosed: _____

Guest Names: _____

If you have any questions, kindly contact Clare Farrell at:

clarefarrellnp@yahoo.com

PLEASE RETURN TICKET ORDER FORM WITH PAYMENT TO THE PARISH CENTER OFFICE :

*If you are interested in reserving a table for 8-10 people, kindly remit this form with
guest names along with full payment. ~ Thank you very much*

Guest Name(s): _____

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

YOUTH MINISTRY at SSPJ

"Singing Santa's" "Visit St. James Nursing Home

Service is always a big part of our mission here at SSPJ YOUTH. This past Christmas season we visited St. James Nursing center. Thank You to Brook Bonomi who led our Service group the "Singing Santa's".

A Big Thank You to all the young people who continue to say "Yes" to God's call to serve one another. We are so proud of you! Thomas Padula, Jackie Lazio, Erica Hunter, Samantha Micozzi, Morgan Micozzi, Haily Sheridan, Kristen Sheridan, Alex Divito, Erin Nicastro, Jaime Susser, Sam Ciara Kenny, Aileen Kenny, Jack Verderber, Kelsey Greco James McCann, Philip Impastato, Kelsey Solomon and Arianna Sarrcone



PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY GANG SUNDAYS

"When did we see you hungry and feed you?"

What is this? A service opportunity aimed at feeding the hungry on Long Island by making sandwiches for distribution to local social service agencies.

When? Sunday- January 27, 2019

Time? 11:15 to 12:30 (Check in at 11:00, after 10:00 am Mass)

Where? Auditorium

Who? Any person or family with a desire to make a difference in the community.



****Volunteers are asked to bring four loaves of WHOLE WHEAT bread, one jar of jelly and two jars of smooth peanut butter.** In addition, any youth volunteers are to be picked up in front of SSPJ School on Clinton Ave. at 12:15-12:30

******WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF BOXES TO TRANSPORT OUR SANDWICHES.WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMPUTER PAPER BOXES WITH LIDS TO BE DROPPED OFF IN THE AUDITORIUM THE MORNING OF THE PBJ SESSION. THANK YOU!!**

If you are interested in our next Peanut Butter Sunday, please complete a registration form at the Parish Center Office Before Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Music Ministry

A choir member gave this to me and I thought I would share it with you as we begin a new year.

For one short fleeting moment God has given you life-to speak for Him through Him in all His vast humanities. Let music be the voice that sounds each thought, each feeling of your stay. It knows no bounds, no creed, no sect. It laughs, it's solemn or it cries-it sways the body, moves the feet, it challenges the deepest thought. It has a tone for every mood, and expression for each moment new. For music is the spirit voice, the voice of God within us all.

Author unknown

Thank you to all in the music ministry for all your hard work and dedication as Apostles of Hope in this ministry. Advent and Christmas were truly blessed with the musical sounds of our ministry.

Taize Prayer Around The Cross

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

**At 7pm in Christ the King Roman Catholic Church
2 Indian Head Road
Commack, NY 11725
631-864-1623**



THE MEN'S FORUM

AT THE CHURCH OF SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES

2019 MEETING DATES

January 7	April 1
January 28	May 6
February 11	May 20
March 4	June 17
March 18	Closing Mass

EVENING SCHEDULE:

- 6:30 pm: Holy Hour Adoration
- 7:30 pm: Speaker's Presentation
- 8:30 pm: Social with Coffee & Cake



MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019

Speaker: Vincent Gentile

Topic: TBA

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. Join us for inspiring talks and fellowship!

Real Men, not without Real Struggles. With the Courage to Believe in Today's World. Our Faith Helps us Face Life's Big Questions. Our Strength is Following Christ Together.

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





COME JOIN US! FAMILY FUN NIGHT FOR SSPJ PARISH AND SCHOOL FAMILIES!

When: January 25, 2019

Doors open at 6:30 pm. Games start at 7 pm.

Where: SSPJ Auditorium

\$10 per person (includes 10 games); **\$35 for families of 4 or more** (same household please)

Join us for 10 games full of fun and great prizes! 50/50 Raffle! Guest Callers!

Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase!

Any questions please contact Jennine Cullen at 631-871-9973 or jbcullen78@verizon.net

Complete and return to SSPJ School by January 22, 2019

Name: _____

Email: _____

Number of Books: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

(please make checks payable to SSPJ)

Saints Philip and James School and Academy

Open House and Registration

Sunday, January 27, 2019

11:00am – 1:30pm

Thursday, January 31, 2019

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Saints Philip and James School is dedicated to providing a Catholic education which nourishes the respect for individual diversity, fosters cooperative learning and promotes global awareness. Our primary commitment is to integrate the Gospel message with the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development of our students, thus enabling them to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Early Education Programs

NURSERY

Half Day Program: 8:30am - 12:30pm

2 Days - Tuesday/Thursday

3 Days - Monday/Wednesday/Friday

5 Days - Monday - Friday

Full Day Program: 8:30am - 2:50pm

2 Days - Tuesday/Thursday

3 Days - Monday/Wednesday/Friday

5 Days - Monday - Friday

PRE-KINDERGARTEN - 5 Day/Full Day

8:30 am -2:50pm

KINDERGARTEN - 5 Day/Full Day

8:50am - 3:00 pm



Before and After School Care
Foreign Languages – Spanish and Mandarin

Band Program including Violin
NYSSMA Member

Variety of After School Clubs

Drama Club/Broadway Jr.

Extra Help- before and afterschool

Prayer services throughout the year

Weekly attendance at Mass

Community-related service projects

9th Grade Math Class-Algebra

9th Grade Science Class-Living Environment

CMSAA -Catholic Middle School Athletic

Association

Success on Catholic High School Entrance Exam

Weekly Electives for Academy students

iPad/Chromebook Classrooms

And much more!!



For further information and to arrange a tour, please call 631-584-7896

www.sspjschool.net

SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of January 13th, 2019

Sunday, January 13th, 2019:

8:30am	RCIA	Cantina
9:00am	KOC Hospitality Sunday	Auditorium
10:00am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Auditorium
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room

Monday, January 14th, 2019:

7:00pm	Boy Scout Meeting	Auditorium
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Tuesday, January 15th, 2019:

1:30pm	Spirit of Love Prayer Group	Prayer Room Church
4:30pm	Adult Formation Class	Sts Philip & James Rm
4:30pm	REO FIRST GRADE CLASS	BETHANY CENTER
7:00pm	Catholic Daughters Meeting	Auditorium
7:30pm	Chords of Faith	Church
7:30pm	IMPACT ~Youth Ministry	Bethany Center
8:00pm	Boy Scout Leadership Meeting	Monte Building

Wednesday, January 16th, 2019

10:00AM	REO Deanery Meeting	Philip & James Room
4:30pm	REO FIRST GRADE CLASS	BETHANY CENTER
7:00pm	Youth Ministry	Bethany Center

Thursday, January 17th, 2019

2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:30pm	Adult Choir	Church

Friday, January 18th, 2019:

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

Saturday, January 19th, 2019:

5:00pm	Children's Liturgy	Auditorium
5:00PM	POT OF GOLD RAFFLE	SCHOOL LOBBY

Sunday, January 20th, 2019:

8:00am	POT OF GOLD RAFFLE SALE	SCHOOL LOBBY
8:30am	RCIA	Cantina
10:00am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Church
3:00pm	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Wkshp
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room

The Altar Candles

For the Week of

January 13th, 2019

Burn In Loving Memory of,

Carol Walz

Happy Birthday Mom

Love,

Karl, Karl Jr. & Tim

Prayer of Gratitude to God

Father,

*I am so grateful for everything that you have given me.
Thank you so much for the loved ones in my life,
For the many ways in which I am cared for and supported.
Thank you for the many ways I can serve and give to others.
Thank you for the rich tapestry of colors in creation,
For the beauty which is all around me,
For the skies and the ever changing cloud formations,
For the breathtaking sunsets and early morning mists.
My heart is so grateful and brimming with thanks.
I could write a thousand books about your great goodness,
And still have many stories to tell.*

*I thank you from the bottom of my heart.
I thank you with everything I am.
All my being cries thank you Lord!*

Amen

(a short prayer of gratitude to God from www.lords-prayer-words.com)

Weekly Collection:

Sunday January 6th, 2019

Sunday Collection: \$12,653.

Faith Direct: \$3,823

Children's Jug: \$85.

Total Collection: \$16,561.

Collection for 12/30/18 & 1/1/19

Sunday Collection: \$13,310.

Faith Direct: \$3,823

Children's Jug: \$55.

Christmas: \$2,686.

Solemnity: \$2,631.

Total Collection: \$22,505.

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



*With
Heartfelt
Sympathy*

We Remember....

**Martin N. LaPorte
Stjepan Olic**

Mass Intentions, For the week of January 13, 2019

Saturday, January 12th, 2019

5:00pm Kathryn L. Doran

Sunday, January 13th, 2019

8:00am For the Parishioners of SSPJ

10:00am Joseph T. McKie

12:00Noon Collective Mass:

Peter Joseph Loughlin

Antonin Kocica

John McVeigh

Patricia J. Cox

Monday, January 14th, 2019

7:30am Lorraine Sayers

9:15am Richie Ferrer

Tuesday, January 15th, 2019

7:30am Charles Masterson

9:15am Michael Bohenek

Wednesday, January 16th, 2019

7:30am Joseph Hornyak

9:15am Gerald Ryan

Thursday, January 17th, 2019

7:30am Lorraine Sayers

9:15am Collective Mass:

Ralph DeMartino

Scott Hughes

Friday, January 18th, 2019

7:30am Anthony Hurtado (Living)

9:15am James A. McAuley

Saturday, January 19th, 2019

9:15am Mary Castiglie Anderson

5:00pm Margaret Olsen

Sunday, January 20th, 2019

For the Parishioners of SSPJ

Phillip Rugiero

Collective Mass:

Joseph (Chickie) Martin

Michael Kaplon

Marty Caltabiano (Living)

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

Anna Capizzio
Angela Amoroso
Angelo Peluso
Angela Boccio McComb
AnnMarie M.
Baby Mattia Lubrano
Betty Schmidt
Brett Dowling
Brennan Steinorth
Bryan Van Colt
Camden Bailey
Carmela Massaro
Carole Hennessy
Catherine Burseind
Charlie Keenan
Christel DeBlasio
Christina Meringolo
Christopher Paul
Daisy Abruzzo
David Shankles
Dawn Kopel
Dolores Weisenreider
Dominic Pace
Dylan Lauro
Eileen Zink
Elinor Glasser
Eugene Krug
Florence Donahue
Frank Orlik
Frank DeFranco
Gerard Duffy
Ginny McAuley
Greg
Helen McDowell
Hillary Boehme
James Gietzen
James P. Klouda
Jane Prato
Jane Wigutow
Jeanine EspositoTansey
Jim Kelly
Joseph
Joseph Perconti
Joe Alberigo
John Capizzio
Jean McCue
John Harney
John Hernandez
Jordan Marvelli

Madeline Ursillo
Kellie Sexton
Abbott R Morgan
Marie Clarke
Monica Ursillo
Kellie Sexton
Kathleen Newil

Julianne
Joan Ward
Kathleen N.
Kathleen Corcoran
Kitty Cronin
Krista Farley
Kylie Quigley
Joseph
Lance Mallamo
Laura Andrucki & family
Linda Sue
Livia Parrella
Louis Giordano
Mark Montesano
Marie DelCiello,
Marie Fabry
Mary McDonough
Michael LaVecchia
Michael Vasiento
Nancy Fornabia
Nicole Theresa
Nicole Devlin
Pam Brandon
Pasquale Santoro
Patricia Casey
Pat Corey
Patricia Fontana
Patricia Monetti
Patricia Thompson
Paulette Agolia
Regina Powers
Richard Cembrale
Roe Hetterich
Russell Caiola
Robert & Madeline
Gaude
Robin Graham Denis
Rosemary Morgan
Sean Winters
Suzanne McCue
Terence Hobbes
Teresa Orlik
Thomas McKay
Thomasine Morrison
Tim Kelly
Tim Cavooris
Terry Pace
Vivien Cordes



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
KYLE J. GRUNER -US ARMY

Celebrating the Liturgy- With Grateful Hearts We Serve

PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR January 19th & 20th, 2019

Saturday, January 19, 2019 5:00 PM	Sunday, January 20, 2019 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, January 20, 2019 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, January 20, 2019 12:00 MASS
Father Kevin Cronin	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Kevin Cronin
Deacon John	Deacon John	Deacon Ron	Deacon Ron

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE-FOR January 19th & 20th, 2019

Saturday, January 19, 2019	Sunday, January 20, 2019	Sunday, January 20, 2019	Sunday, January 20, 2019
5:00 PM	8:00 AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
G. Priebe	K. Consenz	H. Orlando	C. Zito
L. Taurassi	J. Giacalone	G. Patalano	G. Zito
D. Toto	G. Beisel	L. Patalano	M. Lebrun
D. Doran	L. Beisel	J. Kirdahy	E. Law
J. Duffy	C. Czujko	O. Laiz	M. McCreesh
D. Earl	R. Doda, Sr.	M. Latino	M. Peykar
I. Arevalo	M. Dunn	J. Lavan	P. Roman
A. Anderson	R. Fabian	C. Lombardi	C. Rubano
B. Carey	C. Haff	D. Mulhall	M. Laub
D. Coppola	W. Haff	S. McKie	E. Sotomayer

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE-FOR January 19th & 20th, 2019

Saturday, January 19, 2019	Sunday, January 20, 2019	Sunday, January 20, 2019	Sunday, January 20, 2019
5:00PM MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
A. Balocca	J. Auletta	C. Donnelly	C. Tsoumpelis
A. Bjorkland	L. Auletta	S. Donnelly	D. Sanchez-Rincon
T. Miller	B. Keese	B. Roberts	D. Sanchez-Rincon
V. Scarpelli	K. Keese		
	M. Russo		

LECTOR SCHEDULE-FOR January 19th & 20th, 2019

Saturday, January 19, 2019	Sunday, January 20, 2019	Sunday, January 20, 2019	Sunday, January 20, 2019
5:00PM MASS	8:00 AM MASS	10:00AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
L. Halluska	M. Sehne	A. Kaiser	P. Geier
8th Grade Student	S. Cavooris	E. Dobres	G. Law

Getting Ready for Next Sunday

January 20th - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Cycle C

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

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 96

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11

We often see divine and human activity as separate -- God has one turf and we have ours. God's only avenue into our world is divine intervention. Today's readings speak of a God who chooses not only involvement but even dependence upon people and their capacity to communicate with a caring creator and redeemer.

In the dismal setting of 500 B.C., Jerusalem is anything but a sign of Yahweh's involvement. The city's royalty has been stripped away, it is forsaken and desolate. The prophet, Third Isaiah, destroys this depressing perception. Jerusalem's vindication will be as bright as the dawn; she will wear a new crown. Yahweh will be as involved as a groom with his new bride.

Paul addresses the Corinthians' question about spiritual gifts. In addition to ministries and works, there are "gifts," charisma manifesting the Spirit in extraordinary ways. Exceptional faith, healing, tongues, and prophecy are but a few of these gifts. Paul identifies the Lord as sole source of these gifts and teaches they must be shared for the common good.

The wedding feast of Cana is a manifestation of God's glory. Mary appears symbolically; her function is to complete the call of the disciples. She is the catalyst for the sign that leads to the disciples' expression of faith.

God is present to us in the ministry of believing people. Just as people have profoundly influenced our lives for good, so we must share our gifts and talents in ministry to others.

-- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.
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For reflection...

Several times in the gospels Jesus did tell us to love God and love our neighbor. If you follow his directives, how do you think the "water" of your everyday life will turn to "wine"?

Mary is a catalyst in the ministry of Jesus. Who has served or does serve as a catalyst in your ministry? For whom are you a catalyst?

Imagine Jesus standing before you and saying, "Now take some and draw it out." What part of you might he be talking about?

Is the violin more important than the piano in an orchestra? Why or why not? Are mighty deeds or preaching more important than discernment of spirits or healing in a community? Why or why not?

STRUGGLING FOR SUSTENANCE

We all struggle to not give in to coldness and hatred. This was even a struggle for Jesus. Like the rest of us he had to struggle, mightily at times, to remain warm and loving.

It's interesting to trace this out in the Gospel of Luke. This is the gospel of prayer. Luke shows Jesus praying more than all the other gospels combined. Moreover, in Luke's gospel, Jesus' disciples were intrigued by his prayer. They sensed something extraordinary about Jesus, not because he could walk on water and do miracles, but because, unlike the rest of us, he could in fact turn the cheek. He was strong enough not to give into coldness in the face of hatred, so strong that it threatened his very life. In every situation, no matter how bitter, he could be understanding and forgiving and never doubt that love and grace are what's most real.

His disciples sensed that he drew this strength from a hidden source, some deep well of sustenance which he called his Father and which he accessed through prayer. For this reason, in Luke's gospel, the disciples ask Jesus to teach them how to pray. They too want draw sustenance from this source.

But we see too in Luke's gospel that this doesn't always come without struggle. Sometimes things seem easy for Jesus; he meets love and understanding, and his ministry is joyous and easy. But when things begin to collapse, when the forces of hatred begin to encircle him, when majority of his followers abandon and betray him, and when his own death becomes imminent, then like the rest of us, fear and paranoia threaten to overwhelm him. This is in fact the essence of his struggle in the Garden of Gethsemane, his so-called *agonia*.

Simply put, it's easy enough to be understanding, loving, and forgiving when you are bathed in them. It's quite another thing when your very adherence to them is making you the object of misunderstanding, hatred, and murder. And so, in Gethsemane, we see Jesus prostrate, humanly devastated, on the ground, struggling mightily to cling to a cord of sustenance that had always sustained him in trust, love, and forgiveness and had kept paranoia, hatred, and despair at bay. And the answer doesn't come easy for him. He has to pray repeatedly and, in Luke's words, "sweat blood" before he can regain his balance and root himself again in that grace that sustained him throughout his ministry. Love and forgiveness are not easy. Not giving into to anger, bitterness, self-pity, hatred, and the desire for vengeance didn't come easy for Jesus either.

And that's our ultimate moral struggle: to not give into to our natural reaction whenever we are not respected, slighted, ignored, misunderstood, hated, or in small or large ways victimized. In the face of these, paranoia automatically takes over and most everything inside us conspires to create an obsessive pressure towards giving back in kind, slight for slight, disrespect for disrespect, ugliness for ugliness, hatred for hatred, violence for violence.

But there's another possibility: Like Jesus, who himself had to struggle mightily to not give in to coldness and hatred, we too can draw strength through the same umbilical cord that nurtured him. His Father, God's grace and strength, can nurture us too.

In his famous movie, *The Passion of the Christ*, Mel Gibson focuses on the physical suffering Jesus had to endure during his passion and death. Partly this has some merit since Jesus' sufferings were in fact pretty horrific. But mostly it misses the point, as we see from the gospels. They make it a point to minimize any focus on the physical sufferings of Jesus. For the gospels, Jesus' passion is not a physical drama but a moral one, indeed the ultimate moral drama. The real struggle for Jesus as he sweated blood in Gethsemane was not whether he would allow himself to die or invoke divine power and escape. The question was only about how he was going to die: In bitterness or love? In hatred or forgiveness?

That's also our ultimate moral struggle, one which won't just confront us at the moment of death but one which confronts us daily, hourly. In every situation in our lives, small or large, where we are unfairly ignored, slighted, insulted, hated, or victimized in any way, we face a choice of how to respond: Bitterness or understanding? Hatred or love? Vengeance or forgiveness?

And, like Jesus struggling in Gethsemane, we will have to struggle to continue to cling onto something beyond our natural instincts, beyond common sense, beyond our cultural dictates. Doing what comes naturally will not serve us well. Something beyond our DNA needs to be accessed.

The first word out of Jesus' mouth in the Synoptic gospels is the word *metanoia*. Among its other meanings, it's the opposite of *paranoia*. **It means to trust even in the face of distrust.** Paranoia is natural to us, metanoia isn't; it requires struggling to draw sustenance from a deeper source.