



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

631-584-5454

August 11, 2019
Nineteenth Sunday
In Ordinary Time



*“Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary,
which bore the Son of the eternal Father.”*

Luke 11:27

“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

Parish Center Phone: 631-584-5454 Parish Fax: 631-862-9675
Website—www.sspj.org

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Open Monday, Tuesday Wednesday 9am-8pm
Open Thursday 9am-5pm
Open Saturday 10am-2pm
Closed Friday and Sunday

CLERGY

Father Tom Haggerty, Pastor
Father Patrick Osei-Poku-Associate Pastor
Deacon Ronald Blasius
Deacon John Keenan
Deacon Ken Maher
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE
Sister Theresita Donach, CSFN

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Diane M. Anderson

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Stewardship, A Way of Life

*As we continue our journey, we share our "Time,
Talents and Treasures" with our family, friends, and
our parish community.*

*Thank you for your support of
Sts. Philip & James Parish*

Sacraments

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

Marriage— Couples are asked to contact the Pastoral Center before visiting the reception hall. The Marriage Preparation process is nine months before your proposed wedding date.

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


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

Anointing of the Sick— In case of serious, unexpected illness, please contact the Parish Center office to arrange for a Priest to pray with the person who is ill. Anointing of the Sick is held on the first Sunday of the month following the 12:00mass please see the Sacristan before mass.

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

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

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE FOR US IN YOUR PRAYERS



LCDR. MEGAN M. SHUTKA-VIK, USN
CAPT. WILSON MARKS- USN
CAPTAIN MICHAEL DOLAN- JR.
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SPC. NICOLE A. CANNON
SGM. MICHAEL P. BORRELLI-US ARMY
CAPT. JOHN TULLY- USN
LT. COL. JAMES TULLY-US ARMY
JOSEPH SAGGIO- USNC
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LT. COL. PAUL T. JACKSON-
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PRIVATE JOSHUA OLSEN-USARNG
GLEN CRIMA-US ARMY
SGT. ANTHONY SCIAMETTA- US ARMY
MARIO CATANIA-USMC
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KYLE ANTHONY NASCIMENTO-US ARMY
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SGT. STEPHEN D. OUTCAULT-USMC
PAUL MUMOLO-USN
VICTORIA ZEMAN, USCG
KYLE J. GRUNER -US ARMY
MARK GIORDANO—US COASTGUARD
KELLI MCCLAUGHLIN— 2ND LT. US ARMY NATL. GUARD

Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:

\$21,000

Weekly Collection: Sunday, August 4th, 2019

\$ 11,822.

Faith Direct:

\$ 2,877.

Total Weekly Collection:

\$14,699.

Thank you for your stewardship and contributions to our Parish

Sunday's with Sister T

Dear Friends,

While Fr. Tom is away, I offered to share with you some of the reflections I write for my Community each Wednesday. At times they connect with the scriptures and other times it is what the spirit puts in my heart. My prayer is that in some way the words on the page help you to grow in your faith life. If not then there is usually a little chuckle in there somewhere.

Someday I am going to have a movie marathon so that I can get to see so many of the great movies that are on my watch list. Of course, there will be plenty of popcorn and cold drinks! Anyone ready to join me?

While preparing to do a leadership workshop with our group of teenagers at Saints Philip and James Church, I had a chance to see one of my favorite movies. Happily, I watched War Room for the sixth time. Wow, some powerful lessons to be learned! I love the take on personal prayer and each time I watch it I am more encouraged to pray strategically. So that this does not become a spoiler, I leave you to watch the movie yourself and see where it takes you.

I also had a chance to watch The Bridge of Spies, a new one for me. I especially love the line Tom Hanks says to the Russian spy: "You don't seem worried." And, the spy replies, "Would it help?" So true! We read something similar in Matthew 6:26-30 "...who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life?"

During my travels to and from the parish, I have time to think about and worry about many things. Will there be traffic, how about construction, accidents, bad weather, and unforeseen delays? I found that letting go and just enjoying that which is before me is a blessing. I never saw so much beautiful sky, the water and such green fields. I take in the beauty surrounding me. It definitely puts me in a much more peaceful place.

What about you? What are some of the things you worry about? Family, friends, employment, health, or perhaps much more? We do need to make some plans but then we have to let go and let God do the driving. Some things we just don't have control over. Can you look at what you are concerned about this week and hand it over to God? I know that God has plans only for your good. This way when someone asks you if you are worried, you can say, "Would it help?"

*May Peace be your companion this week,
Namaste,*

Sister Theresita

Sorry no jokes that can be printed, should you want to see more of my reflections feel free to visit our Sisters website NAZARETHCSFN.ORG News and events.

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



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

August 11, 2019
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Our Church continues to suffer as a result of past sins of sexual abuse of minors. Victim survivors of abuse and their families also continue to carry the terrible effects of that abuse. We pray that the fire of the Holy Spirit may descend upon the Church to purify and sanctify her. It is also important that we are all aware of recent developments that will cause uncertainty and present serious challenges for us in the months and perhaps years ahead.

Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the Child Victims Act (CVA) into law last February. The CVA suspends for one year any statute of limitations associated with alleged sexual abuse of a minor. This law will allow currently time-barred lawsuits to be brought against individuals as well as public and private institutions, regardless of how many years or even decades ago the abuse may have taken place.

When the one-year window to file lawsuits opens on August 14, 2019, hundreds, if not thousands of lawsuits are expected to be filed across New York State against dioceses, parishes, municipalities, public schools, hospitals and a broad range of not-for-profit charitable organizations, both religious and non-religious. The financial impact of this law may be far reaching.

However, if we are people of the Paschal Mystery, we enter the unknown with what we do know – that the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ will sustain and strengthen us in the days ahead. The power of the Resurrection overcomes despair.

No doubt, we will hear about many past failures. We will again hear the heart wrenching stories of victim survivors. I have personally met with survivors of abuse, their families, friends and loved ones. I have listened at a deep level to their stories of tragedy, betrayal, trauma and their heroic efforts to engage in the process of healing. Their lifelong wounds of trauma run so deep, that only the warmth of the Holy Spirit can begin to touch, relieve and heal them. Together, we pray that the fire of the Holy Spirit brings the light of true repentance and reform, moving the Church to continue listening and responding with the humility and compassion of Jesus Christ.

It is also important that we be aware of what is already happening and has been happening for many years in our Diocese as to the extraordinary work that goes into child protection. First, the Diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Young People was established in 2003. Many years of hard work have made this office one which puts the safety and well-being of children first, and seeks to reach out to and support victim survivors of abuse. It works to ensure the screening and training of every person who works in or volunteers for the Church. If you are an employee or a volunteer in your parish, you know about background checks, VIRTUS training and the call for every member of the Church to be vigilant in protecting children.

For years, we have worked closely with law enforcement whenever an allegation of abuse is made against a member of the clergy, an employee or volunteer in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Our confidential hotline (516-594-9063) is closely monitored, and calls made to it are returned within 24 hours by a licensed mental health professional. Allegations of abuse are promptly reported to the appropriate district attorney's office and are thoroughly investigated. In addition, pastoral care and mental health support is offered to any abuse survivor who needs assistance.



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Continued

These are just a few of the reforms, efforts and safeguards that have been in place since 2002 in our Diocese, and have made the Church on Long Island a truly safe environment. And we do not rest there. We continually work to discern the best ways to adjust and enhance our child protection practices, to raise consciousness in the Church and society about vigilance and to support survivors of abuse.

In 2017, we initiated our Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP) to provide a confidential mechanism for survivors to receive compensation and some measure of healing and justice. We intend to continue this program for the foreseeable future, even after the CVA takes effect, so survivors can, if they wish, be heard in a fair, respectful, confidential and timely way. To date, 370 people have filed claims with our IRCP. The vast majority of claimants – 277 to be exact – have accepted compensation totaling just over \$50 million, with 75-80 claims still being processed.

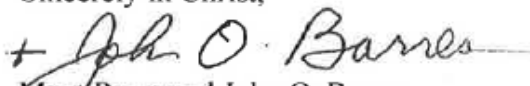
We have worked diligently with our financial and legal advisors to assess our financial position and maximize the availability of insurance coverage to meet the demands that will likely be imposed by anticipated CVA litigation. Please also know that parish collections and financial donations made through the Catholic Ministries Appeal will continue to be used, consistent with our commitment to our parishioners, to support the Diocese, and its ministries and pursue the goals of the Catholic Ministry Appeal. The parish offertory and Catholic Ministry Appeal funds have not and will not be used to resolve claims for clergy sexual abuse.

The work of the Church – of administering the Sacraments, of teaching, healing, advocating, serving, and ministering to the poor and vulnerable – can and must continue, despite the sins of the past. I speak in greater detail about all of this, and about the Diocese's robust safe environment practices and commitment to them, in a Catholic Faith Network (CFN) special video which you can view on CFN television, the Diocesan website (www.drvc.org) and on Diocese of Rockville Centre social media platforms.

The coming months will require perseverance and prayer if we are to emerge even more dedicated to Christ's saving mission. As the opening of the CVA window takes place near the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, we are reminded to turn to Mary our Mother and draw courage from the one who did not look away from her suffering Son. She waited patiently, suffered with Him, and shared in His victory over sin and death.

This is the same Mary who, as Mother of the Church, gathered with the Apostles in the locked room, waiting for the power of the Holy Spirit to descend at Pentecost. As we enter a time of Paschal Mystery suffering, may Mary guide us, so that together we may continue to carry out the mission of her Son: the building up of the Kingdom of God throughout Long Island and the world.

Sincerely in Christ,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Pope Francis urges young people to

“Leave a Mark on the World”



Your support of the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** helps our young people grow in their faith and be inspired to live a life in service to others – to leave a mark on the world!

- More than 5,800 participate in Youth Ministry Programs.
- More than 3,500 a month participate in Young Adult Ministry Programs.
- More than 3,500 students on campuses across Long Island are involved in Campus Ministry programs.

2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal
***Supporting Dramatic Missionary
Growth in our Community***

<https://www.drvc.org/cma/>

URGENT APPEAL ON BEHALF OF SSPJ'S 2019 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Dear Parishioners,

We appreciate your support and generosity as we are so close to our goal. Your financial support to the Catholic Ministries Appeal will not only help fill a tank of gas so Meals on Wheels can deliver food to the hungry, heat a home on a cold winter's eve for a new born and the elderly, assist single young mothers continue their education, support vocations, and offer programs to our youth - our rebate of \$23,000, if we attain our goal, will help defray the \$5,000 needed to maintain, tune and repair our pipe organ, cover the \$1,300 cost associated with the purchase of ten free-standing dry erase boards and supplies needed for religious education classes, purchase new chairs for our choir loft and offset the \$10,000 expense to upgrade wiring for IT in our school buildings for all classes within our parochial school and for afterschool religion classes.

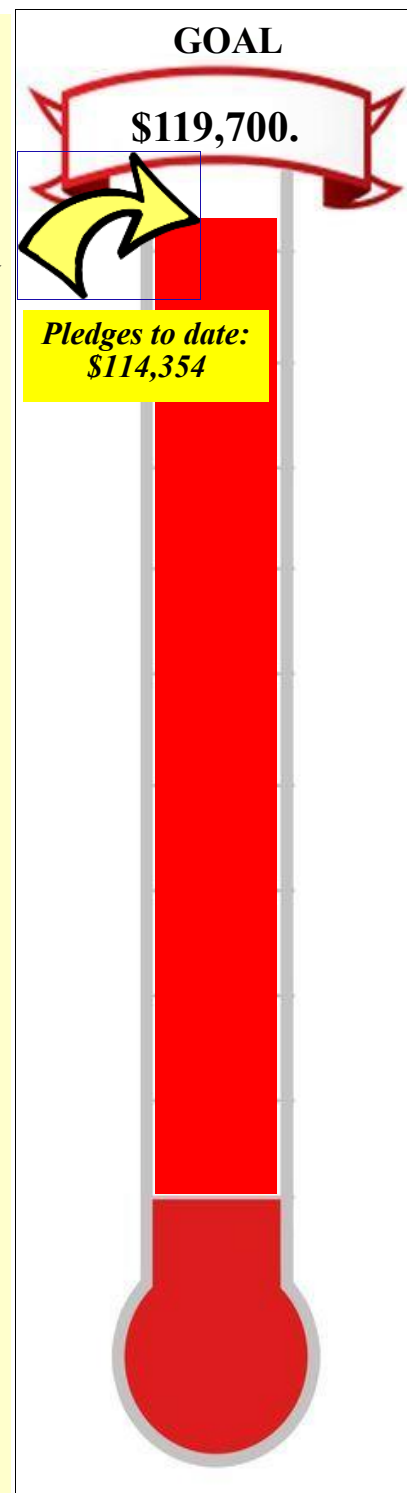
All expenses that were not forecasted, however, needed to be addressed. As you know with your own homes, there are always unexpected repairs, purchases, or areas that need attention.

We operate our school and parish on a zero profit margin as our collections and revenue do not afford us any comfort. When these unplanned expenditures occur, they are taxing on our budget. Your support and additional donations to CMA will allow DRVC to continue the good works of programs offered through Catholic Charities and so much more, as well as help our parish and school operate within our lean budget.

We are only 5% away.

Thank you for your past and continued generosity.

Virginia Portanova
Business Manager



"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

Matthew 25:40

Parish Social Ministry Back to School Needs

In an effort to assist the families of children within our community who are in need of mandated school supplies we ask of you, your help and generosity.

We have obtained listings of the specific school supplies needed by our children in need.

If you are able to assist in this effort, kindly take a school supply tag, from the boxes located by the rear and side doors of the church this weekend, August 10th & 11th.

Please obtain the noted supplies listed on the card, and return them, with the "color coded" card attached.

If you prefer to make a monetary donation for this effort, kindly place your donation into an envelope marked: PSM-Back to School And place it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Center Office

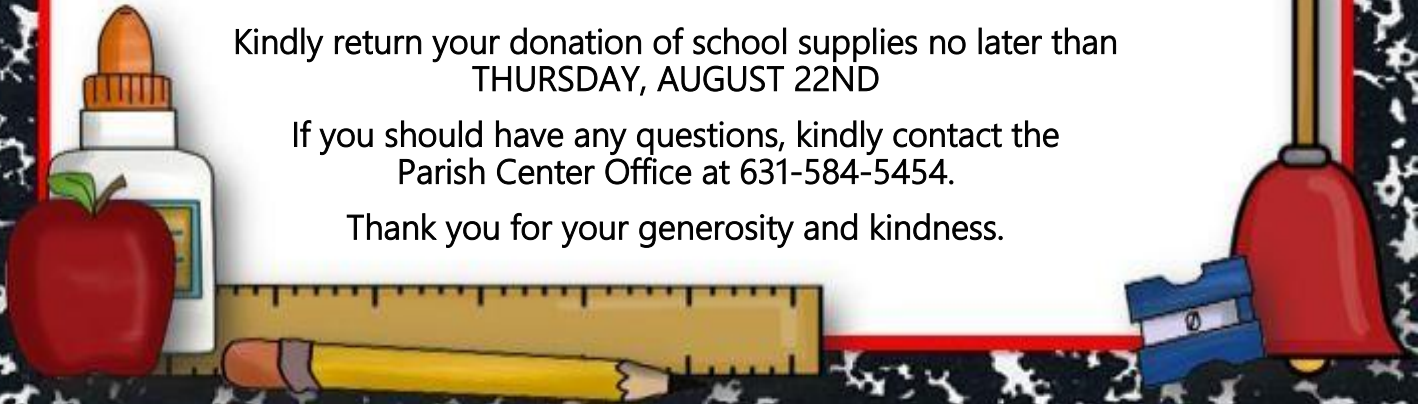
Items may be returned during the week of August 12th to the Parish Center office, or by next weekend: August 17th & 18th at mass.

There will be collection boxes in the back pew of church into which, you may place your donation.

Kindly return your donation of school supplies no later than THURSDAY, AUGUST 22ND

If you should have any questions, kindly contact the Parish Center Office at 631-584-5454.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness.



"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience" (Laudato si', § 217)



POPE FRANCIS ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

GIRL SCOUT MASS & MINGLE

Sunday August 25, 2019

Saint James Church

429 Main Street

Setauket, New York

3:00 pm Sunday Mass

AFTER MASS

Meet scouts from other parishes, Light Refreshments
Special Saint Patches, Catholic Religious Awards
Information

Learn about the Girl Scout *My Promise My Faith Pin*
Adult Training for Girl Scout Religious Awards
For Information contact the Catholic Scouting Office
516 678-5800, ext 245 scouting@drvc.org

Summertime With Jesus Fun!



ODE TO THE VACATION BIBLE CAMP STAFF

Two weeks ago we started VBC,
Not sure of how it exactly would be;
Would there be enough kids to come,
Would they learn and also have fun;
We were a little unsure of ourselves,
Could we do it or would we just melt?
Virginia had a dream and plan in her head,
And with her enthusiasm we all were fed;
As the Camp now comes to a close,
To all of you, this I now pose;
Wow! We did it with grace and style,
And began and ended each day with a smile;
We enriched the life of each and every child,
Taught them about Jesus even when they were kind of wild;
Each child brought their own special gift and grace,
But they all left each day with a smile on their face;
We learned a little about ourselves and each other,
And taught the kids we truly are all sisters and brothers;
From the top of our heads down to our toes,
We were definitely led by Jesus every knows;
Yes, Jesus is the true Super Hero for everyone,
But without all of you, VBC could not have been done.

By: R. Byrne

ALSO A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR
WONDERFUL CAMP NURSE,
CORINNE BUCKLEY!!!

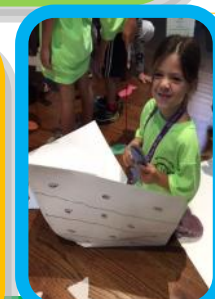


"We will follow
Jesus"



**PRAYER TO
JESUS, OUR SUPER HERO** By: R. Byrne

*THANK YOU FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL DAY,
AND BEING HERE WITH ME AS I PLAY AND PRAY;
I WILL TRY TO BE LIKE YOU,
AND BE KIND TO EVERYONE TOO;
THANK YOU FOR TEACHING ME WHAT IS RIGHT,
AND ALWAYS BEING MY SUPER HERO OF LIGHT.*



If I Was a Superhero...

By Sally Gray

If I was a superhero
I'd definitely fly.
Arms outstretched
Racing birds in the sky.
If I was a superhero
I'd have special powers
Like extra strong legs
For jumping over towers.
If I was a superhero
I'd save all the oceans
With my secret and magical
Cleaning up potions.
If I was a superhero
I'd save all the trees
And the mountains and rivers,
The birds and the bees.
If I was a superhero
I'd help all the poor,
Give them food,
And make them hungry no more.
If I was a superhero
I'm sure you'll agree
The world would be better
Because of me!



Nancy Vanderberg

Let The Children Come...

SSPJ CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD MINISTRY

EVERY CHILD IS BORN WITH A SONG IN THEIR HEARTS...

PARENTS NURTURE THAT SONG....

LOVING FAITH FILLED APOSTLES OF HOPE

ENCOURAGE THAT SONG TO BE SUNG....

THE SSPJ CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD EMBRACES THE HEARTS, AND MINDS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN, BY DELIVERING THE GOSPEL TO "WHERE THEY ARE AT" IN THEIR GROWTH, UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS.

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP TO CONTINUE

WE ARE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO LEAD THE WEEKLY LITURGY LESSONS

AS WELL AS ADULT VOLUNTEER MONITORS

LEADERS~ share the Gospel message discussion and craft

MONITORS ~ Assist the children with craft as well as provide supervision

ALL WEEKLY MATERIALS WILL BE PREPARED FOR YOU!!!

CHILDRENS LITURGY IS HELD AT THE 5:00PM MASS ON SATURDAYS AS WELL AS THE

10:00 AM MASS ON SUNDAYS AND IS OPEN TO CHILDREN IN GRADES K-3.

IT IS A FAST PACED, FAITH FILLED 20 MINUTES OF PRAYER, GOSPEL SUMMARY AND CRAFT

NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY, AS WE WILL BE HOLDING AN INTRODUCTORY GET TOGETHER

On Tuesday, August 27th, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Sts. Philip & James Room

IF YOU SHOULD HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO

Contact Paula Klee Parish at 631-265-3567

*“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”*

**Registration for the 2019-2020 Religious
Education
Is in Progress, Registration will end on
August 31, 2019**

***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
2019-2020 school year.***

***_Any family registering a First Grader
or a child new to our Parish, is asked to
contact us via email at
religioused@sspj.org***

SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of August 11th, 2019

Sunday, August 11th, 2019

11:00am Stained Glass Stained Glass Wkshp
7:00pm AA Meeting Philip & James Room

Thursday, August 15th, 2019

7:15am Camps R Us Main School Building
2:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church

Monday, August 12th, 2019:

7:15am Camps R Us Main School Building
1:00pm Senior Group Meeting Philip & James Room

Friday, August 16th, 2019:

7:15am Camps R Us Main School Building
7:00pm AA Meeting Philip & James Room
8:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church

Tuesday, August 13th, 2019:

7:15am Camps R Us Main School Building
7:00pm Boy Scout Summer Merit Program Auditorium
7:00pm Stained Glass Stained Glass Wkshp

Saturday, August 17th, 2019

5:00pm CDA Labor Day Raffle Outside/School Lobby

Wednesday, August 14th, 2019

7:15am Camps R Us Main School Building

Sunday, August 18th, 2019:

7:30am CDA Labor Day Raffle School lob/outside
11:00am Stained Glass Club Stained Glass Wkshp
7:00pm AA Meeting Sts. Philip & James Room

Our Bread & Wine

For the Week of August 11th, 2019

Are Offered

In Thanksgiving to our Lord

For all his blessings & gifts

On this, Our 62nd Wedding Anniversary

Ida & Dick Wehman

Our Pro Life Rose

For the Week of August 11th, 2019

Is Offered

In celebration of the birth of

Philip Cook, Jr.

***With Love,
From all the Carey's***

Thank you from the Stained Glass Club

The SSPJ Stained Glass Club thanks all of you who supported us during our recent Crosses for College Sale.

Over 25 Crosses together with many other items were sold. All proceeds from the sale enable us to continue our charitable works. Each month we create, design, construct and donate a large cross to the Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist which is raffled off at their Eucharistic conferences.

Numerous other pieces have been donated to different charities. The club is open to all students in the sixth grade and above. Parents who are interested are also welcome provided they have attended a VIRTUS session. Feel free to contact us at sspjstainedglass@gmail.com.



Mass Intentions, For the week of August 11th, 2019

Saturday August 10th, 2019

5:00pm Paul Adamo

Sunday, August 11th, 2019

8:00am For the Parishioners of SSPJ

10:00am Matthew Ryan Martin

12:00 Noon Collective Mass:

Charles T. Bellizzi

Joan A. Ward

Theresa Stramiello

Juan Henry Heron

Michael McDermott

Monday, August 12th, 2019

7:30am Devona Downing

9:15am Mary Rogan

Tuesday, August 13th, 2019

7:30am Anthony Zielinski

9:15am Joan A. Ward

Wednesday, August 14th, 2019

7:30am Ann Shea

9:15am Special Intentions

5:00pm

Thursday, August 15th, 2019~Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30am For the Parishioners of SSPJ

9:15am Collective Mass:

Norma Montalto

Arthur B. Newill

Ellen Mary Newill Boyd

7:00pm Jerry & Lee Santucci

Friday, August 16th, 2019

7:30am For the Living Members of the McDermott
And Taurassi Families

9:15am Joseph Keane

Saturday, August 17th, 2019

9:15am Josephine Wengert

5:00pm Arthur J. Byrnes

Sunday, August 18th, 2019

8:00am For the Parishioners of Sts Philip & James

10:00am Joan Ward

12:00 Noon Collective Mass:

Peter Joseph Loughlin

Anthony Mauceri

Lisa Albano O'Rourke

Veronica Tantone

Michael McDermott

We Remember

**Those Who are resting peacefully
in the loving arms of Jesus....**

**Rosalie Cortopassi
Eric Gallo**

Banns of Marriage

Second

**Chris Cash~ Caroline Church
Setauket**

To

Danielle Sharkey ~ SSPJ

Prayer for Comfort

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless your friends who are sick. Give them the strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain.

Let them recover their health, so that, restored to the Christian community, they may joyfully praise your name, for you live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen

To add a name to prayers for the sick, kindly contact the Parish Center Office at 631-584-5454

Allison Ioli,
Angela Amoroso,
Angelo Peluso,
Anna & John Capizzio
Baby Adeline ,
Baby Kennedy
Baby Mattia Rose Lubrano,
Brian R.
Bob Keenan,
Carole Hennessy ,
Charles Morgan,
Dena Pollina
Donalea Donach
Elinor Glasser
Gail Morreale
Gene Morda
Helen McDowell,
Ian Dowling,
Jeanine Esposito-Tansey
J.C.

Joann Boccia
John Boland ,
John Cuccia
Jon Kessel
Jordan Marvelli
Joseph ,
Karlyn Phillips,
Kathleen N.,
Kitty Cronin
Marie Sabry,
Marty Caltabiano
Matthew
Michael LaVecchia
Pat I.
Patricia Fontana,
Patricia Monetti,
Robin Graham Denis,
Tim Cavooris,
Tom Sica,
Vicki Archdeacon-Gibb,
Vivien Cordes ,
Zachary Esposito-Tansey

Music Ministry

This week we celebrate the Holy Day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our music for this day will be mostly Mary hymns:

Immaculate Mary
Jesus Come To Us
Hail Mary: Gentle Woman
Holy Queen

All are traditional Songs so sing loud and strong,
singing your praise to honor Mary.

Baptism Music is in **desperate need** of accompanists!!!

Keyboard, flute, guitar, teenager or adult. If you are interested and would like to become part of the Music ministry here is your chance. Call Margaret Adams at 631-584-5454. Baptism's are every other Sunday at 2pm.

The more people that can help the less the commitment.

Please consider becoming an Apostle of Hope and give a bite size piece to the music ministry.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass Times: Wednesday August 14th at 5:00pm

Thursday, August 15th at 7:30am/9:15am and 7:00PM

CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

JOIN YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS ON WED. MORNING AUG 15TH AFTER THE 7:30AM MASS
IN FRONT OF THE St. Bernadette Grotto (by the rectory office)

(We will meet in the main church if it is raining)

After mass!

BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

WE NEED THE INTERCESSION OF OUR LADY



Formed: Visit :sspj.formed.org

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SAINT CLARE

Watch: [Clare and Francis / Clara y Francisco*](#)

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| Saturday, August 17, 2019 5:00pm | Sunday, August 18, 2019 8:00 AM MASS | Sunday, August 18, 2019 10:00 AM MASS | Sunday, August 18, 2019 12:00 MASS |
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| Father Patrick Osei-Poku | Father Patrick Osei-Poku | Father Maxim Rosario | Father Maxim Rosario |
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| 5:00PM | 8:00 AM MASS | 10:00 AM MASS | 12:00 NOON MASS |
| R. Byrne | W. VanGostein | B. Chandler | A. Mantia |
| D. Coppola | J. Giacalone | T. Laiz | M. Hoonhout |
| D. Doran | G. Beisel | D. LaVecchia | E. Law |
| J. Duffy | L. Beisel | M. Lebrun | D. McCormick |
| D. Earl | C. Czujko | J. Linder | M. McCreesh |
| M. Fox | R. Doda, Sr. | M. Napoli | M. Peykar |
| E. Kaleita, Jr. | M. Dunn | T. Pace | P. Roman |
| P. Kaleita | R. Fabian | A. Santo | M. Laub |
| D. Toto | C. Haff | C. Rubano | B. Luna |
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| C. Nigro | A. Willman | N. Pilero | A. Peykar |
| S. Nigro | B. Willman | G. Cusumano | C. D'Agostino |
| T. Miller | M. Russo | P. Cusumano | N. Stephens |
| M. Page | | S. Ramos | S. Stephens |
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LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR August 17th & 18th, 2019

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| L. Halluska | B. Willman | P. Suski | C. Rubano |
| K. Smith | G. Priebe | M. Koke | R. Donegan |

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Family Conflict

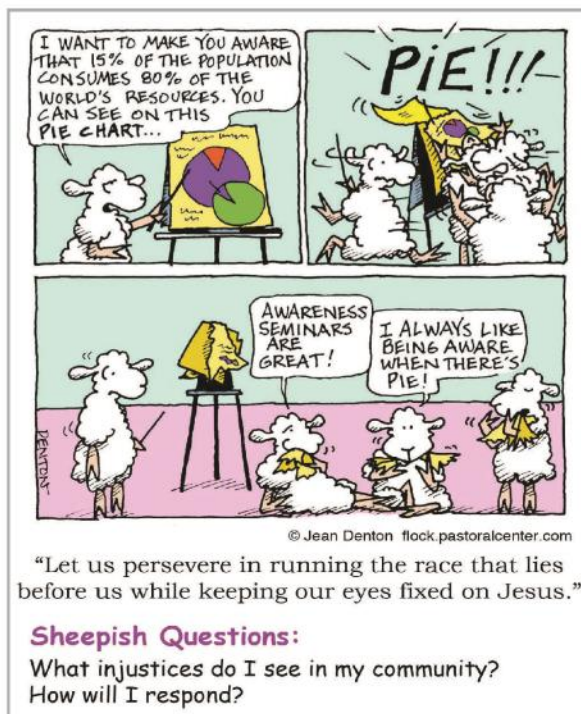
This Week's Readings at Mass

- Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 - Jeremiah in the miry cistern
- Hebrews 12:1-4 - God's treatment of his sons and daughters
- Luke 12:49-53 - Jesus' mission of division

All three readings today speak to the unavoidable conflict and divisions that arise when we try to live lives of faithfulness to God. Jeremiah knew the plight of the prophets because speaking his message from God offended the status quo. He got thrown into a pit for it. The passage from the Letter to the Hebrews reminds the faithful that following Jesus will entail suffering, maybe even to the point of bloodshed. Jesus' teaching in the Gospel bluntly tells us that belief in him will lead to division, even among family members and loved ones.

The Gospel reading begins by speaking to Jesus' sense of urgency which was a mark of his ministry. Hurry - there is work to do! People are suffering and need help. Injustice is killing people - it must be stopped. The Kingdom of God is at hand - we must help bring it to birth! Jesus was not neutral or wishy-washy in any way. He was for justice, mercy, and compassion in all forms, and he wanted those who were sleeping their way through life to wake up and work toward these. He wanted to see a blazing fire of energy fueling the people around him.

Jesus' reference to division is a puzzling one, given that usually we think of him as a man of peace and love, not a herald of division and conflict. Yet anyone who has experienced conflict with family members or loved ones around religious issues will recognize that belief in Jesus sometimes leads to division. A gay person believes he is loved and cherished by God while his father believes it is a sin to be gay. A



"Let us persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus."

Sheepish Questions:

What injustices do I see in my community?
How will I respond?

woman converting to Catholicism is disowned by her born-again mother. A spouse who attends mass is questioned for her beliefs from an atheist parter. Households - and communities, and church bodies, and nations - are divided by religious belief all the time, not because Jesus wanted division, but because he understood human nature. What one person and one community believes is God's truth is, at best misunderstood, and at worse, hateful to another person or community. On the night before he died, Jesus prayed for unity among his followers, but he also knew the reality of the division he would cause.

Questions of the Week

- 1 What kind of work/ministry do you feel most passionate about that you think is urgent to be done?
- 2 Have you experienced division among your family or friends because of religious beliefs? Please share.

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Divine Understanding

A number of years ago at a symposium on faith and evangelization, one of the speakers made a rather startling statement. She, a Christian activist, ended her presentation with words to this effect: *I work for the poor and I do it out of my Christian faith. I'm committed to this because of Jesus, but I can go for three years on the streets without ever mentioning his name because I believe that God is mature enough that he doesn't demand to be the center of our conscious attention all the time.*

Like many others in the audience, I'd never heard a spiritual writer or preacher ever say this so bluntly. I'd heard biblical scholars speak of God's self-emptying in the incarnation, of Christ's burying himself into anonymity, and of God's patience in being ignored, but I'd never heard anyone say so plainly that God doesn't mind that we don't give him explicit attention for long periods of time.

But is this true? Is God okay with this kind of neglect?

There's an important truth here, though only if it's sufficiently qualified. Taken as it stands this can be used to justify too many things (spiritual laziness, selfishness, excessive self-preoccupation, culpable resistance to deeper thought, excessive procrastination with what's important, and countless other things) that are not good. But here's its truth: God understands! God is a loving parent who understands the inattentiveness and self-preoccupation of his children.

God has not put us into this life primarily to see if we can keep our attention focused on him all the time. God intended for us to immerse ourselves in the things of this world without, of course, forgetting that these things are, at the end of the day, passing and that we're destined for a life beyond this world. We're not on this earth to be always thinking of the eternal, though we're not on earth either to forget about the eternal.

However, because the unexamined life is less than human, we also need to have moments where we try to make God the center of our conscious awareness. We need regular moments of explicit prayer, of meditation, of contemplation, of worship, of Sabbath, of explicit acknowledgement of God and of explicit gratitude to God. We do need moments when we make ourselves consciously aware that there is a next life, an eternal one, beyond this present one.

But, in the end, that's not in competition with or in contradiction to our natural focus on the things of this life, namely, our day-to-day relationships, our families, our work, our concerns for health, and our natural focus on news, sports, entertainment, and enjoyment. These are what naturally draw our attention and, done in good will and honesty, will in the end help push our attention towards the deeper things and eventually towards God. The great mystic, John of the Cross, tells us that if we're sincere and honest as we focus on the mundane things in our lives, deeper things will happen, unconsciously, under the surface and we will grow closer to God.

For example, the famed monk, Carlo Carretto, shares this story: After living many years alone as a hermit in the Sahara desert and spending countless hours in prayer and meditation, he went back to Italy to visit his mother. She was a woman who had raised a large family and who had gone through years of her life when she was too burdened with responsibility and duty to spend much time in explicit prayer. What Carretto discovered to his surprise was that she was more contemplative than he was, not because all those hours of explicit prayer as a monk weren't good, but because all those selfless tasks his mother did in raising her family and caring for others were very good.

And God understands this. God understands that we're human, spiritually frail, busy, and instinctually geared towards the things of this world so that we don't naturally move towards prayer and church, and that even when we are at prayer or in church, we're generally still distracted, tired, bored, impatient, thinking of other things, and longing for prayer and church to be over with.

It's not easy to keep God as the center of our conscious attention; but God both knows this and is not unsympathetic.

Kate Bowler, coming at this from the Mennonite tradition, comments on what the Church calls "Ordinary time", that is, those times during the year when, unlike the Advent, Lenten, Christmas, or Easter seasons, there is nothing special to celebrate. What happens then? Well, what happens then is that things get "ordinary": "There is no birth at the manger or death on the cross, just the ponderous pace of people singing, praying, and keeping their kids quiet during the sermon. The magic fades and reveals the church for what it is: a plain people in a boring building who meet until kickoff."

Yes, most of the time that's us, plain people in boring buildings waiting for the kickoff. And God understands perfectly.