The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6, 2017

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

"His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." *Matthew 17:2*

"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 :10am-2pm ,Monday 9 am to 8 pm,
Tuesday & Wednesday: 9am-5pm, Thursday: 9am-8pm,Friday: 9am-12pm Saturday: 10am-12pm
Phone: 631-584-5454 Fax: 631-862-9675

Pastoral Team

Father Tom Haggerty	Pastor
Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Associate Pastor
Deacon Ronald Blasius	Deacon
Deacon John Keenan	Deacon
Deacon Ken Maher	Deacon
Margaret Adams	Director of Music
Elizabeth Wittish, OFS	Director of Parish Social Ministry
Virginia Portanova	Business Manager
John Cordes	Director of Facilities
Charlotte Czujko	Religious Education Coordinator Grades1-2
Barbara Luna	Religious Education Coordinator Grades 3-6
Dominick Avento	Religious Education Coordinator Grades 7-8
Suzanne Fitzgibbon	Religious Education Administrator
Frank Brancaccio	Youth Minister
Elizabeth Calvano	Director Camp SSPJ

Pastoral Council

Rita Byrne, Claire DiCarlo, Chris Donnelly, Ryan Doyle, Richard Frazita, Lou Guerra, Cynthia Lombardi, Martin Marut, Ann Mondrone, Mary Ann Pose, Noel Rannazzisi, Tom Sica, Robert Thompson

Trustees

Jerry Linder * Tina Cafaro

SSPJ School—Principal Ruth E. Testa

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

Sacraments

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

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

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

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

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

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

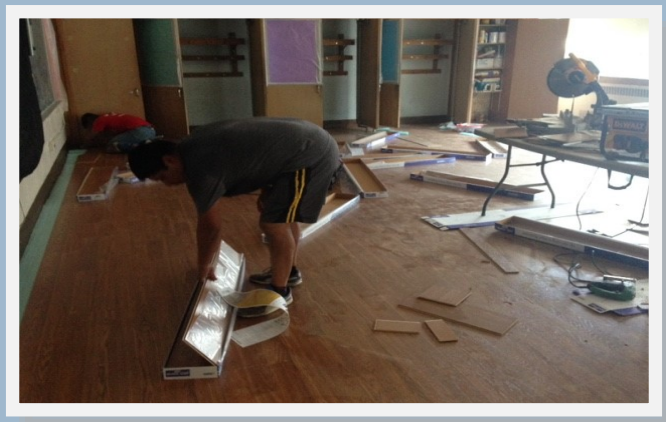
Eucharistic Adoration In The Church*– Thursday 2-4pm Friday 8-9pm*

Improvements Continue At SSPJ!

The 3rd and 4th grade classrooms have new windows

SSPJ School has new electronic opening doors with handicap accessibility. As well digital camera access

3rd & 4th grade classrooms have new drop ceilings.



3rd & 4th grade classrooms have new flooring.

NEW PASTORAL CENTER OFFICE HOURS

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

SUNDAY 10AM-2PM

MONDAY 9AM-8PM

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 9AM-5PM

THURSDAY 9AM-8PM

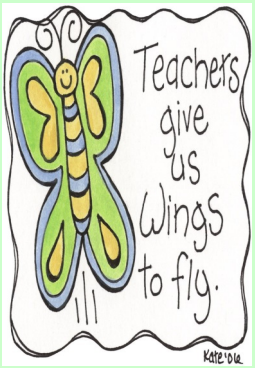
FRIDAY 9AM-12PM

SATURDAY 10AM-2PM

If you have a meeting scheduled on an evening when the office closes early please make arrangements to get a key before the close of the day.

Religious Education

Catechists Are Needed!!



We are seeking Catechists In:
Grades 4 & 5
&
Our Special Needs Program –which meets on Saturday mornings from 9am-10am

If you are interested in learning more about the role of a Catechist, kindly contact Suzanne Fitzgibbon in the Religious Ed Office: 631-584-3204, to arrange a meet and greet!

We welcome you to become a part of our Religious Education Team!

Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday
9am thru 5pm
Closed on Fridays

Upcoming Catechist Workshops:

COMMUNION II: (2ND GRADE)

Tuesday August 22nd, 2017: 7:00 PM
Sts. Philip & James room

Or:

Thursday August 24th, 2017:10:00 AM
Sts. Philip & James room

GRADES 3 &4:

Monday August 21st, 2017: :

1:30pm or 7:00 PM

Sts. Philip & James room

GRADES 5 &6:

Wednesday August 23rd, 2017:

10:00 AM or 7:00 PM

Sts. Philip & James room

CONFIRMATION I & II (GRADES 7 & 8)

August 23rd 2017 @ 6:30pm – 8:00pm

(location TBD)

November 9th 2017 @ 6:30pm to 8:00pm
(location TBD)

Catholic Daughters Labor Day Raffle

COURT ANNA THERESA #1074 STS. PHILIP AND JAMES PARISH

50/50 LABOR DAY RAFFLE
TO BENEFIT OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

COST $2.00 Each **Book of 6 for $10.00**

Tickets will be sold after weekend Masses -
August 12 & 13, 19 &20 and 26 & 27
September 2 & 3

For more information and/or to purchase tickets, please call:
Phyllis Long at 631-584-8434

The Rosary Makers Ministry

Will be meeting on:

Monday, August 7, 2017

At 1:00pm
In the Philip & James Room

All are welcome to attend!

The Wash Kit Gang will meet on
Friday, August 11, 2017

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.

Won't you please help us to help those in need.

On the weekend of July 22nd/23rd our parishioners responded so generously for the Respect Life Committee call to celebrate the Feast of St. Joachim and Ann grandparents of Jesus, with donations to needy children. Our Collection was a great success! The committee thanks you on behalf of all those who will receive the funds collected for the needs of these little ones. Thank you for your love!

Katie's Way

WHEN: SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2017
TIME: 1PM-3PM
WHERE: 409 LAKE AVENUE, ST. JAMES, NY 11780

Katie's Way collects new and gently used baby items which benefit Expectant Mothers, Mothers, and Children in need.
Your donations build a community that supports Mothers who choose life for heir unborn children under difficult circumstances.

Suggested Items: Gently used as well as new baby and toddler items, including diapers, wipes, formula, baby food and clothing.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Will be meeting on:

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

At 10am In the Philip & James Room

All are always welcome to Join!
Knitting and crochet lessons are graciously and patiently offered.

If you should have any questions, kindly contact Marge at 631-439-0468.

THE APOSTLE OF HOPE CHALLENGE

We are completely revamping our Religious Education program this year. We are going to have much more active involvement by the children and their families. This is not just a simple process of utilizing new workbooks but an entire restructuring of how we instruct and more importantly how we invite the children and their families to be active participants in our parish family life and activities.

To accomplish this massive undertaking, we need the help of our whole parish community to make this a more welcoming and eucharistically focused experience for the children and the families. As the saying goes, "Many hands make light work". We are asking all of you to give bite size pieces of your time so that through our religious formation programs we may encourage and deepen the faith of our families, resulting in increased participation in the Body of Christ.

APOSTLE OF HOPE CHALLENGE CONTINUES

First Grade Children and Parents Program

We as a faith community want to invite and welcome all to become part of the Body of Christ. We plan to have people meet with first grade families and their children as they begin their entry into our revised and revamped Faith Formation program. The following are just a few areas where you as an Apostle of Hope could give a bite-size piece of your time to help this Program for First Grade Parents.

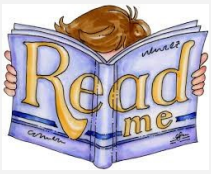
- Would you be willing to make phone calls to facilitate the meetings?
- Would you be willing to type lists/letters as needed?
- Would you be willing to meet with first grade parents on a one-to-one basis?

Training will be provided.

The Apostle of Hope Challenge Continues! Week 3

Activities for Major Celebrations

* Do you have an idea/theme for a major church celebration?
* Can you help decorate for a celebration?
* Do you have an idea for a craft/activity for children for a celebration?



APOSTLE OF HOPE CHALLENGE Week 2…

Collecting, Sorting or Reading Mass Reflections by Students

or

Students will be required to bring to Mass their scripture reading assignment each week.

Helping with the Blessing and Distribution of 1st Grade Books at class masses, along with welcoming students and greeting families.

APOSTLE OF HOPE CHALLENGE…Week One….

Helping at Class Masses, as a greeter, serving refreshments, decorating, baking, or assisting with clean up.

Can We Count You In?

SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of August 6th, 2017

Sunday, August 6th, 2017

7:45am	Peace & Justice Letter Signing	School Lobby
8:00am	Stained Glass Sale	Outside School Lobby
10:00am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Church
1:00pm	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Rm
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Monte Building

Monday , August 7th, 2017

9:00am	Camp SSPJ	School
1:00pm	Rosary Makers Meeting	Philip & James Room
7:00pm	Summer Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Wkshp.

Tuesday, August 8th, 2017:

9:00am	Camp SSPJ	School
1:30pm	Spirit of Love Prayer Group	Prayer Room of Church
7:00pm	Boy Scout Merit Badge Program	Auditorium

Wednesday, August 9th, 2017:

9:00am	Camp SSPJ	School
10:00am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Philip & James Rm

Thursday, August 10th, 2017:

9:00am	Camp SSPJ	School
2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:00pm	Summer Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Workshop

Friday, August 11th, 2017:

9:00am	Camp SSPJ	School
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Monte Building
7:00pm	Wash Kit Gang	Auditorium
8:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church

Saturday, August 12th, 2017:

10:00am	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Wkshop
5:00pm	CDA Labor Day Raffle	School Lobby/Outside
6:30pm	Eagle Scout Ceremony	Auditorium

Weekly Collection:
Sunday, July 30th, 2017

Sunday Collection: $13,743.
Faith Direct: $3,823.
Children's Jug: $ 70.
Total Collection: $17,636.

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

***Amendment: Last Week Reported collection for Peter's Pence was for: Propagation of the Faith*

Banns of Marriage

Second

Joseph Russo
St. Joseph, Kings Park

To

Kristen Wallner
SSPJ

Second

Thomas Gariepy
SSPJ

To

Stephanie Rubino
St. Thomas Moore, Hauppauge

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,
SR AIRMAN E4 ALEXANDER PARRELLA
RICHARD SOTOMAYER, USAF
SGT. CONNOR F. SCOTT, USMC
LCPL. DANIEL P. STEELE, USMC
SGT. CORY O'HARA USMC
CDR. ROBERT J. MARSH, USN
PFC. CHARLES CHRISTOPHER HOWELL
JOHN VINCENT KNOBLOCH, USMC
STEVEN CAVA, USN
ERIC SEELIN, USMC
CW2 CHRIS MUNZ
CW2 NATASHA WORTMAN
LANCE 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.

Mass Intentions, For Week of August 6th, 2017

Saturday, August 5th, 2017

5:00pm — Michael Kaleita

Sunday August 6th, 2017

8:00am — Anna McEvoy
10:00am — Evelyn & Tony Hurtado (Living)
12:00noon — Collective Mass & For The Parishioners of SSPJ
Yuknis, LoPresti, Westrich & DiMartino Families
Stephen J. Naklicki
Maria & Frank Megna
Nicholas Monte
Rose Patti

Monday, August 7th, 2017

7:30am — Madelyn & Gerard McNulty
9:15am — Frank Caruso

Tuesday, August 8th, 2017

7:30am — Vincent Priebe
9:15am — Patricia McNulty

Wednesday, August 9th, 2017

7:30am — Paul J. Czujko
9:15am — Lawrence J. Roemer

Thursday, August 10th, 2017

7:30am — Keith (Ken) Newell
9:15am — Collective Mass:
Lucy Bruno (Living)
Ann Smith (Living)
Jennifer Green & Richard Mayer (Living)

Friday, August 11th, 2017

7:30am — John Opoku
9:15am — Angelina Natoli

Saturday, August 12th, 2017

9:15am — James Whymark
5:00pm — Mary Rogan

Sunday, August 13th, 2017

8:00am — Carmine LaCava
10:00am — Betty Frey
12:00noon — Collective Mass & For The Parishioners of SSPJ
Mary Pollock
Michael Christopher Koch
Grace N. Knudsen
Raymond Fallar, Jr.
Alice Winter

Keeping You In Our Prayers....

For those who are ill...

Daniel Radice,, Eva Alaimo,
Kitty Cronin, Vivien Cordes Raymond Fox, Joe Alberigo, Eileen Zink, Louis Giordano, Grace Giordano,
Barbara Bombace AnnMarie Cortina, Laura Andrucki & Juli Anne, Pasquale SantoroLorraine Cashman,
Elinor Glasser, Kathleen N. , Marie Loughlin
Deanna Rubino Monzon, Christopher Gerver

Sympathy

Together, we mourn the passing of,
Anthony Michael Aurilia
Nicholas David Aurilia
George E. Williams
John F. Hickson
Louise M. Tyminski
Patricia Chilton
Anthony Lombardo

IT IS WITH SADNESS THAT WE ANNOUNCE THE PASSING OF A LONG TIME ACTIVE MEMBER OF SSPJ,

BERNARD ROGAN

THERE WILL BE A MEMORIAL MASS IN HIS HONOR ON : AUGUST 11TH, 2017 AT 10AM AT SSPJ

Parish Social Ministry

Please Support the Peace & Justice Ministries Letter Writing Campaign

This Weekend, August 5th & 6th, 2017 After All Masses

bread for the world

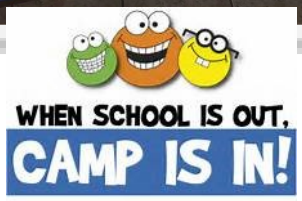
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

Congress must pass budget and appropriations bills that put us on track to end hunger by 2030. In 2017, Congress must invest in key programs that have a proven track record and improve the lives of hungry men, women, and children.

Vital policies and safety-net programs — including WIC, global nutrition, SNAP, and refundable tax credits — must be properly funded and protected. Dismantling or cutting funding for such programs by the 115th Congress would take us backward and make the goal of ending hunger by 2030 unlikely.

We have made great progress reducing hunger and poverty in our country and around the world, but our work remains unfinished. Families, churches and community groups, and businesses all need to do their parts to end hunger. It's crucial that our government also does its part.

CAMP SSPJ ENJOYS SUMMER!!!



Celebrating the Liturgy- With Grateful Hearts We Serve

PRESIDER SCHEDULE–FOR August 12th & 13th, 2017

Saturday, August 12, 2017 5:00 PM	Sunday, August 13, 2017 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, August 13, 2017 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday August 13, 2017 12:00 MASS
Father Patrick Osei-Poku	**Father Patrick Osei-Poku**	**Father Leo Praveen**	**Father Leo Praveen**

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE -FOR August 12th & 13th, 2017

Saturday, August 12, 2017	Sunday, August 13, 2017	Sunday, August 13, 2017	Sunday, August 13, 2017
5:00 PM MASS	**8:00 AM MASS**	**10:OO AM MASS**	**12:00 NOON MASS**
M. Latino	M. Koke	E. Law	P. Agoglia
L. Tepedino	B. Luna	N. Rannazzisi	M. Laub
G. Alfano	S. McKie	M. Dolce	P. Rizzo
D. Earl	M. Morbillo	B. Gill	B. Carey
E. Kaleita, Jr.	D. Mulhall	A. Giordano	N. Locastro
P. Kaleita	M. Sehne	A. Henchel	E. Sotomayer
A. Keenan	G. Beisel	L. Keane	M. Hoonhout
R. Piazza	L. Beisel	J. Kirdahy	P. Roman
G. Priebe	C. Czujko	J. Lavan	C. Rubano
L. Taurassi	R. Doda, Sr.	C. Napolitano	V. Rubano

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE -FOR August 12th & 13th, 2017

Saturday, August 12, 2017	Sunday, August 13, 2017	Sunday, August 13, 2017	Sunday, August 13, 2017
5:00PM MASS	**8:00AM MASS**	**10:00 AM MASS**	**12:00 NOON MASS**
B. Doran	J. Auleta	S. Cheeseman	P. Mazzola
L. Doran	L. Auleta	A. Nocera	G. Vitale
M. Page	J. Tobin	C. Williams	E. Zeman
S. Page	L. Dorrian	O. Jacobs	A. Frankenberger
A. Bjorklund	T. Dorrian	M. Stephen	

LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR August 12th & 13th, 2017

Saturday, August 12, 2017	Sunday, August 13, 2017	Sunday, August 13, 2017	Sunday, August 13, 2017
5:00 PM MASS	**8:00 AM MASS**	**10:00AM MASS**	**12:00 NOON MASS**
C. Lombardi	A. Mantia	T. Cafaro	D. Sanchez-Rincon
C. McAlvin	S. Cavooris	D. Quadrino	E. D'Amelia

SSPJ School!

Registration Continues for September!

Sts. Philip and James School

Pre-K through Grade 8

Value-Centered Education

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Call 631-584-7896 for further information!

Sts. Philip and James School is currently seeking an experienced/certified Spanish Teacher 3 days/week - Pre-K through Grade 8. If interested, please call 631-584-7896

HOLA! spanish!

Getting Ready for Next Sunday

August 20th - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Cycle A

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 56:1,6-7 *Psalm 67*
Romans 11:13-15,29-32 *Matthew 15:21-28*

How big is the kingdom? Today's readings challenge us to widen the boundaries. Rather than see ourselves as elitist or exclusive, we imagine the possibilities that God imagines. We are building bridges rather than castles.

The prophet we call Third Isaiah (chapters 56-66) wrote today's passage some 500 years before Christ. He says that God's salvation is near, and he describes the goodness of God's dwelling. Those who had been rejected are now full-fledged members of God's community.

Paul revels in the divine paradox: The Jewish rejection of the Christian message has meant salvation for the Gentiles. Paul insists that God shows mercy to all, and Paul glories in his mission to the Gentiles. Paul imagines the all-inclusive nature of God's kingdom.

Matthew's gospel passage shows Jesus in contact with a Gentile for a second time (see also 8:5-13). The evangelist elaborates the good news -- that qualification for discipleship is not of ethnic origin but a persistent faith in Jesus. Matthew foreshadows that moment at gospel's end when Jesus will command the eleven: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (28:19). Matthew began in the same way: with the wise men who anticipated the Church's mission to the Gentiles (Matthew 2:1-12).

Baptism commissions the Christian to share the message of Jesus of Nazareth. Rather than being elitist, the Christian reflects the presence of Jesus through word and action to all the world. Christians heal division and thus build bridges.

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

Imagine today's gospel scene. Put yourself into one of the roles — the woman, Jesus, one of the disciples. What are your feelings?

Have you ever experienced prejudice? What happened? How did it affect you? What did you learn from it? Imagine Jesus sitting next to you. Tell him of your experience and your feelings.

How inclusive are you? What are some ways we might be more welcoming — in our homes, our friendships, our parish?

St. Paul, deeply rooted in Judaism, became the apostle to the Gentiles. His experience of God enabled him to understand that God has mercy on all peoples. How have you experienced God's mercy? How have you extended mercy to others?

How do you keep "Sabbath time"?

Sharing the message of Jesus

Spiritual Reflection by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Suicide – Redeeming the Memory of a Loved One

One year ago, virtually everyone who knew him was stunned by the suicide death of the most prominent American Hispanic theologian that we have produced up to now, Virgilio Elizondo. Moreover, Virgil wasn't just a very gifted, pioneering theologian, he was also a beloved priest and a warm, trusted friend to countless people. Everyone dies, and the death of a loved one is always hard, but it was the manner of his death that left so many people stunned and confused. Suicide! But he was such a faith-filled, sensitive man. How could this be possible?

And those questions, like the muddy waters of a flood, immediately began to seep into other emotional crevices, leaving most everyone who knew him with a huge, gnawing question: What does this do his work, to the gift that he left to the church and to the Hispanic community? Can we still honor his life and his contribution in the same way as we would have had he died of a heart attack or cancer? Indeed, had he died of a heart attack or cancer, his death, though sad, would undoubtedly have had about it an air of healthy closure, even of celebration, that we were saying farewell to a great man we had had the privilege to know, as opposed to the air of hush, unhealthy quiet, and unclean grief that permeated the air at his funeral.

Sadly, and this is generally the case when anyone dies by suicide, the manner of that death becomes a prism through which his or her life and work are now seen, colored, and permanently tainted. It shouldn't be so, and it's incumbent on us, the living who love them, to redeem their memories, to not take their photos off our walls, to not speak in guarded terms about their deaths, and to not let the particular manner of their deaths color and taint the goodness of their lives. Suicide is the least glamorous and most misunderstood of all deaths. We owe it to our loved ones, and to ourselves, to not further compound a tragedy.

So each year I write a column on suicide, hoping it might help produce more understanding around the issue and, in a small way perhaps, offer some consolation to those who have lost a loved one in this way. Essentially, I say the same things each year because they need to be said. As Margaret Atwood once put it, some things need to be said and said and said again, until they don't need to be said any more. Some things need still to be said about suicide.

What things? What needs to be said, and said again and again about suicide? For the sake of clarity, let me number the points:

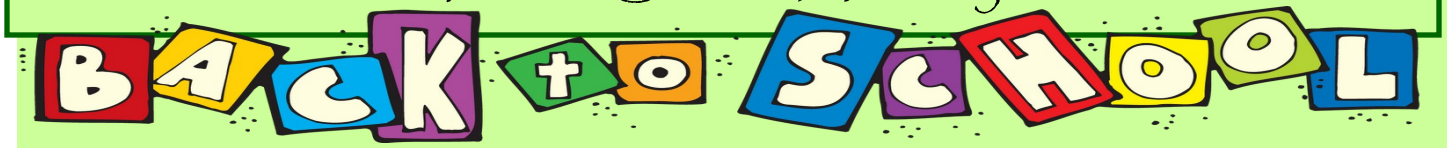
1. First, in most cases, suicide is the result of a disease, a sickness, an illness, a tragic breakdown within the emotional immune system or simply a mortal biochemical illness.
2. For most suicides, the person dies, as the does the victim of any terminal illness or fatal accident, not by his or her own choice. When people die from heart attacks, strokes, cancer, and accidents, they die against their will. The same is true in suicide.
3. We should not worry unduly about the eternal salvation of a suicide victim, believing (as we used to) that suicide is the ultimate act of despair. God's hands are infinitely more understanding and gentler than our own. We need not worry about the fate of anyone, no matter the cause of death, who leaves this world honest, over-sensitive, over-wrought, too bruised to touch, and emotionally-crushed, as is the case with most suicides. God's understanding and compassion exceed our own. God isn't stupid.
4. We should not unduly second-guess ourselves when we lose a loved one to suicide: *What might I have done? Where did I let this person down? What if? If only I'd been there at the right time!*Rarely would this have made a difference. Most of the time, we weren't there for the very reason that the person who fell victim to this disease did not want us to be there. He or she picked the moment, the spot, and the means precisely so we wouldn't be there. Suicide seems to be a disease that picks its victim precisely in such a way so as to exclude others and their attentiveness. This is not an excuse for insensitivity, but is a healthy check against false guilt and fruitless second-guessing. Suicide is a result of sickness and there are some sicknesses which all the love and care in the world cannot cure.

Finally, it's incumbent upon us, the loved ones who remain here, to redeem the memory of those who die in this way so at to not let the particular manner of their deaths become a false prism through which their lives are now seen. A good person is a good person and a sad death does not change that. Nor should a misunderstanding.

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website www.ronrolheiser.com.
Now on Facebook www.facebook.com/ronrolheiser

Understanding the Pain with a compassionate heart...

Parish Social Ministry

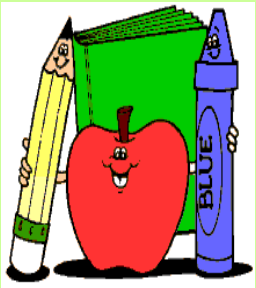


BACK TO SCHOOL TIME IS SOON APPROACHING!

Its that time of year again, or as some parents say…The most wonderful time of the year… The sun is still shining blessing us with warmth and heat, but just around the corner, school buses, teachers, parents, and children will be embarking upon a new school year!

Let us join together and help our children in need, start the school year off positive, prepared and confident!

Parish Social Ministry is beginning to collect school supplies. The following school supply items would be of great help to children and families in need and will be graciously accepted at the Parish Center. Any parishioners that may find it difficult to obtain these necessary school supplies, can contact the Parish Social Ministry Office at 584-5454.



#2 Ticonderoga Pencils
Glue Sticks
White Glue
Pink Erasers
Washable Felt Markers
Scissors
Pencil Cases
Pocket Folders
Lined Paper
Plain Paper
Lined Notebooks

Blue Pens
Red Pens
Rulers
Colored Pencils
1—2 inch Binders
Subject Dividers
Pencil Sharpeners
Pocket Dictionary
Backpacks
Lunch Boxes
Marble Notebooks

Community News

St. James RC Church
429 Route 25A East Setauket 631-941-4141

In Concert Sunday September 17, 2017 at 7:00pm

Grammy Award Winner and Contemporary Chrisitian Music Pioneer…

John Michael Talbot

Tickets: $30.00 and $50.00

On sale at the Rectory Office 631-941-4141

And On-Line at www.johnmichaeltalbot.com

An evening of spiritual blessings for all who attend.

St. Mary's Parish in East Islip is offering a free 8 Week support group for adults who are coping with the death of a loved one. Registration is required for this group which begins on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Refreshments will be served.

In order to participate in this group the death must have occurred prior to June 6, 2017. For information and or registration please contact the rectory at 631-581-4266 ext. 100.

Support for Divorced and Separated Catholics

Prayer services will be held for all Catholics in the Diocese of Rockville Centre who are experiencing separation, or are in the process of, or are divorced. The prayer services and refreshments are scheduled for-
August 14 – Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington 7pm
August 16- Christ the King, Commack 7:30pm

If you would like more information feel free to contact Jason Velazquez at 516-678-5800 ext. 236 or jvelazquez@drvc.org