



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

August 18, 2019  
Twentieth Sunday  
In Ordinary Time



*Lord, make me an instrument  
of your peace*

"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

### BUSINESS MANAGER

Virginia Portanova

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR

Catherine Darrow

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR Grades 1-2

Charlotte Czujko

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR Grades 3-6

Barbara Luna

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR Grades 7-8

Dominick Avento

### MUSIC DIRECTOR

Margaret Adams

### COORDINATOR OF PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Lynn Sisti

### DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES

John Cordes

### SSPJ SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Diane M. Anderson

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

### TRUSTEES

Jerry Linder ~ Tina Cafaro

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Michael Sharkey, Connor Donnelly, Richard Frazita, Lou Guerra,  
Kelsey Greco, Cynthia Lombardi, Paul Damato  
Martin Marut, Ann Mondrone, Maureen Burke

### 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.

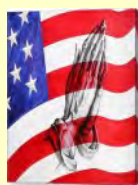
**Reconciliation**— Available Saturdays from 4:00pm-5:00pm in the Church or by contacting the Parish Center for an appointment.

**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.  
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  
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  
KYLE ANTHONY NASCIMENTO-US ARMY  
ENS. RYAN M. SHOWS -USN  
STAFF SGT. RYAN REXRODE-USMC  
DR. KARA VANDEKIEFT, COL.-USAF  
SGT. STEPHEN D. OUTCAULT-USMC  
PAUL MUMOLO-USN  
VICTORIA ZEMAN, USCG  
KYLE J. GRUNER -US ARMY  
MARK GIORDANO—US COASTGUARD  
KELLI MCLAUGHLIN— 2ND LT. US ARMY NATL. GUARD

**Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:**

**\$21,000**

**Weekly Collection: Sunday, August 11th, 2019**

**\$ 11,448.**

**Faith Direct:**

**\$ 2,877.**

**Total Weekly Collection:**

**\$14,360.**

**Thank you for your stewardship and contributions to our Parish**

## *Sunday's with Sister T*

Dear Friends,

As I prepare to take some vacation time, I started wondering what I could share with you. Time for preparation is short and lots has been going on. Then God sent a voice through a co-worker. She sent me the following quote **“Be the woman who walks through Fire and still comes out carrying buckets of water for others.”** (don't have a source)

That is a very challenging statement. The more I thought about it, I realized that tomorrow is the Feast of the Assumption. IF anyone has walked through fire, Mary has. From the time of the Annunciation to her own Assumption, Mary's life was a challenge. We need to remember the time all of this happened. The role of a woman was certainly mapped out and defined.

Am I a person who can walk through fire and still come out carrying buckets of water for others? One certainly needs to be grounded in their prayer life. You would have to be flexible enough to adapt to the situation. Perhaps even say you were wrong and pick up those buckets and continue your journey. Recently I found myself in a challenging situation and was lead to prayer realizing that it was the only solution that could help me continue to carry and deliver those buckets.

When you read the quote **“Be the woman who walks through Fire and still comes out carrying buckets of water for others.”** What feelings arise in you. Have you been through a fire recently? If so, can you name it and claim it? Can you continue your journey? Can you keep an attitude of gratitude as you feel the sting of the flames during your trek through life? Coming out the other side is rewarding and yet all things double when shared with another. There is joy in being able share. (Mary went to visit Elizabeth, didn't she?)

So, can you be the Man, Woman, Child, Sibling, Husband, Mother, Friend who walks through fire and comes out carrying buckets of water for others? Take some time this week and ask the spirit to help you identify those pieces necessary for you to continue your journey, no matter the situations.

Till next week,

Sister Theresita *(written at an earlier date)*

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



Information Regarding  
**The Child Victims Act**  
Provided by the Diocese of Rockville Centre



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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**Diocese of Rockville Centre  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Q: What is the Child Victims Act?**

**A:** A law passed by the New York state legislature and signed by Governor Andrew Cuomo on February 14, 2019, that lifts for one year the statute of limitations for filing lawsuits by child victims of sexual abuse. The one-year window begins August 14, 2019 and ends August 14, 2020. 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.

**Q: What effect will the Child Victims Act have on the Diocese of Rockville Centre?**

**A:** Bishop John Barres and his leadership team have been preparing for months with diocesan legal and financial professionals as well as with the pastors of our 133 parishes. While the ultimate effects of the Child Victims Act on the Diocese of Rockville Centre and its parishes are not yet known, and may not be known for some time, we expect the daily work of the diocese's many ministries to continue uninterrupted.

**Q: What has the diocese done about the sexual abuse of children by members of the clergy?**

**A:** Since 2003, the diocese has taken many decisive steps to protect children. Through its robust reporting mechanisms, the diocese has released the names of all clergy and employees accused of the sexual abuse of a minor, whether credible or not, to the proper law enforcement authorities. The majority of clergy accused of abuse, most of which happened decades ago, have died; others have left the priesthood – and the name of every single person accused, whether credible or not, has been turned over to law enforcement.

The diocese continuously works to strengthen its efforts towards child protection, abuse prevention and pastoral outreach to survivors. Through our Child Victims Assistance Program, the diocese reports all allegations of sexual abuse of a minor to the appropriate district attorney. Allegations of abuse are thoroughly investigated. We offer a hotline (516-594-9063) and respond within 24 hours with pastoral care and support we work closely with law enforcement and make certain that all allegations of child sexual abuse against clergy or lay employees and volunteers are reported to the appropriate District Attorney. We provide pastoral outreach to survivors and educational programs for abuse prevention and we have imposed and strictly enforce robust controls, such as screening of new hires and requiring employee training.



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In 2017, the Diocese of Rockville Centre initiated the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP) to offer the opportunity for some measure of healing and justice to those who were abused by diocesan clergy.

The IRCP program allows survivors of clergy sexual abuse to file confidential claims and receive financial compensation. It continues to offer survivors a confidential option for reconciliation. 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.

Developed in 2017, the IRCP builds on the reforms and best practices for protecting our children in the Catholic Church. The outreach of Bishops and survivors' assistance coordinators to survivors and their families, a firm zero tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse, immediate reporting and cooperation with civil authorities, diocesan and parish audits, the ongoing training of clergy, employees and volunteers to prevent child abuse, extensive background checks on clergy, employees and volunteers, thorough screening of our seminarians preparing to become priests – these are just some of the examples of the proactive procedures which have been integrated into every dimension of the Catholic Church's life for many years.

### **Q: Did my weekly donations to the Church fund the IRCP settlements?**

**A:** No parishioner donations were used to fund compensation paid to sexual abuse survivors. The money came from strong investment returns the diocese was fortunate to have. Diocesan insurance programs also helped fund the compensation payouts.

### **Q: Are the children of the diocese safe today?**

**A:** Absolutely. In most cases, the horrific claims of sexual abuse by priests made by survivors happened decades ago. Most of those accused are deceased or have left the priesthood. Members of the clergy against whom a credible and substantiated claim of child abuse has been made are permanently removed from ministry.

### **Q: What does the diocese say to those survivors who will file lawsuits because of the Child Victims Act?**

**A:** The Diocese of Rockville Centre takes seriously and investigates all allegations of sexual abuse. We commend the courage of those who come forward to share their experiences and wish to see justice, healing and reconciliation prevail.



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**Q: I have read that dioceses in other states that passed a similar Child Victims Act were forced to file Chapter 11 (bankruptcy). Will the Diocese of Rockville Centre be forced to follow a similar path?**

**A:** Bishop Barres and his leadership team have worked diligently with the diocese's financial and legal advisors to assess its financial position and maximize the availability of insurance coverage to meet the demands that will likely be imposed by anticipated CVA litigation. The diocese will continue to consult with legal and financial experts to determine the best approach to sustaining the good work of the Church.

**Q: Will my school or parish be forced to close because of any potential financial necessity?**

**A:** While the diocese does not know the full impact of the Child Victims Act, we intend to work diligently to see that no schools or parishes will be forced to close as a result of the CVA. We do not believe, at this time, that the closure of parishes or schools because of the CVA would be a likely outcome.

**Q: Will employee pensions or retirement funds be impacted?**

**A:** The Diocese of Rockville Centre will do everything within its legal power to preserve and protect employee pensions and retirement funds. That said, it is too early to say definitively, but in diocesan settlements in other parts of the country, no employee pension money or retirement funds were impacted.

**Q: How many survivors of clergy sexual abuse are expected to sue the Diocese of Rockville Centre?**

**A:** It is impossible to predict, but the diocese is working with the best financial and legal talent to find the least disruptive means through this challenging time.

**Q: How long will it take to fully litigate all the lawsuits filed under the Child Victims Act?**

**A:** Again, it is impossible to predict, but for some dioceses it took a number of years to reach a final settlement with all of the survivors who filed lawsuits.

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 this legislation 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.





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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.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE DRVC CHILD VICTIMS ACT:

**DRVC OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS:**  
50 NORTH PARK AVENUE  
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11571

EMAIL: [drvcchildvictimsact@drvc.org](mailto:drvcchildvictimsact@drvc.org)

**PHONE: 516-766-0161**

*The Office of Communications will redirect  
your inquiry*

FAX: 516-764-3316

Bishop Barres addresses the Child Victims Act in this video produced by Catholic Faith Network. Feel free to post the link to the video on your website. It will begin to air on CFN and diocesan media platforms later today.

Here is the link: <https://youtu.be/aU8Ps8fRFIU>.

### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

NOW IS THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT JOINING  
A CHOIR.

NO AUDITION REQUIRED. ALL YOU NEED IS A  
LOVE OF MUSIC AND GOD. COME ON, YOU  
KNOW YOU WANT TO!!!

TAKE PART IN THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT,  
BECOME A HAND BELL RINGER, JOIN THE  
MUSIC MINISTRY. WE HAVE A GREAT TIME.  
HOT CHOCOLATE AND COOKIES A MUST  
AFTER THE CONCERT. COME EXPERIENCE  
THE FUN FOR YOURSELF. JOIN THE MUSIC  
MINISTRY.

SING A HYMN TO HIM.

WE ARE BACK IN SEPTEMBER.

MORE INFORMATION IN THE WEEKS AHEAD.



### **Catholic Daughters 2019 Labor Day 50/50 Raffle**

Please support all the wonderful works of  
the Catholic Daughters by supporting their  
Labor Day Raffle.

Tickets will be sold after all masses this  
weekend: August 17th & 18th

In the school lobby or outside

Drawing will be held on Labor Day!

**VIRTUS TRAINING SESSION FOR SSPJ SCHOOL AND PARISH MEMBERS WHO  
WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN MINISTRIES AT SSPJ**

A Virtus training session will be held on Wednesday, August 28th at 6:30pm in the  
Bethany Center

Participants must register on line at:

**Virtus.org**  
**Select “First Time Registrant”**

Proceed with the prompts selecting SSPJ as the location of the training that you will attend.  
If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Center office at 584-5454

***“What Is a WEED?”***

***A plant whose virtues have never been discovered.”***

***As a parish and school alive with children actively running  
about – there is little we can do regarding the  
“weeds and crabgrass” that seems to be sprouting rapidly.***

***Government regulations limit chemical usage to control  
and prevent weeds and even the fertilization of lawns. Our  
new landscapers are trying different measures of control but  
the only true way to eliminate weeds is by hand. This takes  
many costly man hours – funds which can be better utilized to  
help those in need.***

***Perhaps we can all help by “adopting” a  
garden area! Individually or as a family/friends - choose a  
location and meet perhaps once a week to tend to “your”  
garden area. We will provide a wheel barrel outside of the  
office for your use to carry weeds to the dumpster. Contact  
Virginia at the office to claim your adopted garden area at 631-584-5454.***

***Many hands make light work. Our new landscapers have donated much  
needed mulch in the beds and areas in front of our church and school  
and we are very appreciative of their generosity.***

***A Parish family has donated the cost and application of new mulch in the parking lot  
beds  
and another parishioner has given a generous donation to help defray  
the cost of mulch for the Office and Residence grounds.***

***We appreciate everyone’s concern and efforts to have our grounds as  
beautifully manicured as possible without taking funds away from needed  
programs offered to our neighbors in need.***



# *Good News At SSPJ School!*

## *Sts. Philip and James School*

*welcomes*

**Christina Depoian** and *welcomes back Miss Christine!* And Welcomes Miss Patti!



**Nursery Teacher**

Hello! My name is Christina Depoian and I am so excited to begin my first-year teaching as the nursery teacher at SSPJ! I am excited to bring modern, hands-on-learning into the classroom.

I recently graduated from Iona College in New Rochelle with my Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood and Childhood Education. I am certified from birth through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

While at Iona, I was involved with the Office of Mission and Ministry and participated on a mission trip to Kolkata, India where we served

in various Brothers' ministries with children and people with disabilities as well as at the Mother Teresa house serving the extremely poor, sick and dying. This trip was one of the most rewarding things that I did at Iona. It taught me to not take anything for granted and that giving back to the less fortunate is one of the greatest things we can do.

I am the daughter of Lee and Judy and the sister of Amanda and Matthew. I have two dogs, Sox and Kayleigh (she has pink ears!) and two cats, Carmel and Lea. I am a member of St. Margaret's of Scotland Church.

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I am back and so blessed to be!

My name is Christine Ballard and I worked at Sts. Philip and James School for over 16 years until I moved. I am married and have two grown children who are graduates of SSPJ, 1998 and 2002!

I am also the grandmother of Aaron, going into Kindergarten and Riley who is 2 years old. They are the light of my life! I am so looking forward to welcoming the littlest students to SSPJ and helping them to learn and grow in their faith.



**Nursery Assistant**

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### *Sts. Philip and James School welcomes Miss Patty!*



**Pre-K Assistant**

Patricia Avanzato is joining our school family this September from St. Joseph Elementary School in Ronkonkoma, where she was a teacher's aide for the past five years in either the preschool or kindergarten.

Patricia is married and has five children. She has two boys and three girls, ranging from the ages of 13-22. Her free time is spent cheering on her kids while they play multiple sports in college, high school and middle school. She loves reading, baking, and walking.

She is looking forward to developing our students love of learning through fun play, guiding them in their relationship with each other and enhancing their faith this school year.

## Youth Ministry News...Growing Seeds of Faith

We are excited about the start of a new school year and are looking forward to reconnecting with our Parish Youth Community through Youth Ministry.

Our new Youth Leaders have been meeting with Fr Tom, Sr T and the Youth Board Members over the summer and are excited about all that is in the planning stages for this upcoming year.

If you are a parish youth, High School age and would like more information about joining our Youth Ministry, please contact us by leaving a message at the rectory office at 631-584-5454 with your contact information and we will get back to you.

We welcome Adult leaders from our Parish as well. Any adults wishing to be a part of our Youth Ministry must make an appointment to meet with Father Tom and the Youth Board to be considered for an appointment within the Ministry.

Watch our bulletin and website for exciting news and events from Youth Ministry.

Blessings,  
Fr. Tom Haggerty and Youth Ministry Board

## Religious Education Ministry

**Upcoming Catechist Meetings: Thursday, August 22, 2019 all at 7:00pm**

Second Grade Catechists: Bethany Center Meeting Room 3

**Third, Forth, Fifth Grade Catechists:** SSPJ Room

Confirmation I & II (7th & 8th grade) Catechists: Bethany Center Main Meeting Room

*"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 Program will end on August 31, 2019**

*Please visit the Parish website at [www.sspj.org](http://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](mailto:religioused@sspj.org) or by phone at 631-584-3204*

*To arrange a convenient appointment date and time.*



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

Dear Parishioners,

We GREATLY appreciate your support and generosity as we are so close to meeting our Catholic Ministry Appeal goal. Just this week, our CMA pledges increased \$1,000! THANK YOU!

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 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.

UPDATE: Just this week Paragallo Organ Company came in to make the necessary repairs to our pipe organ. One thing always leads to another...our Organ Pedal is STUCK and needs to be replaced. An additional expense we did not plan for. To keep the repair cost down, they are trying to locate a refurbished pedal. The rebate we receive from the Diocese will help offset the cost of these unexpected repairs.

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.

TOGETHER WE CAN DO THIS....

Thank you for your past and continued generosity.

GOAL

\$119,700.



Pledges to date:  
\$115,314

*"Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to."  
Deuteronomy 15:10*



# Parish Social Ministry



Senior Citizen Apartments Available

St. Anne's Gardens

80100 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Brentwood NY

Low Income Senior Rental Apartments for seniors, 60 Years of Age or Older

Call Stanan Management at: 516-486-1000



*"As stewards of God's creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family. When we destroy our forests, ravage our soil and pollute our seas, we betray that noble calling" (Pope Francis in a speech in the Philippines, January 2015).*

## LAST DAY FOR DONATIONS: THURSDAY AUGUST 22ND

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*

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.



*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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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**



## *SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of August 18th, 2019*

### **Sunday, August 18th, 2019**

7:30am CDA 50/50 Raffle School lobby/Outside  
11:00am Stained Glass Stained Glass Wkshp  
7:00pm AA Meeting Philip & James Room

### **Monday, August 19th, 2019:**

7:15am Camps R Us Main School Building

### **Tuesday, August 20th, 2019:**

7:15am Camps R Us Main School Building  
1:30pm Cantor Training Church  
1:30pm Spirit of Love Prayer Group Prayer Room Church  
7:00 pm CDA Meeting Auditorium  
7:00pm Stained Glass Stained Glass Wkshp  
7:30pm KOC District Deputy Meeting Philip & James Room

### **Wednesday, August 21st, 2019**

7:15am Camps R Us Main School Building

### **Thursday, August 22nd, 2019**

2:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church  
7:00pm REO 2nd Grade Catechist Meeting Bethany Ctr 3  
7:00pm REO 3,4,&5th Grade Catechist Meeting SSPJ Room  
7:00pm REO 7th & 8th Grade Catechist Mtg Bethany Main

### **Friday, August 23rd, 2019:**

7:00pm AA Meeting Philip & James Room  
8:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church

### **Saturday, August 24th, 2019**

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

### **Sunday, August 25th, 2019:**

7:30am CDA Labor Day Raffle School lob/outside  
11:00am Stained Glass Club Stained Glass Wkshp  
2:00pm KOC 1st Degree Mtg Philip & James Room  
7:00pm AA Meeting Sts. Philip & James Room

### ***We Remember .....***

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Mary Lou & Tom Devaney***

***In celebration of  
60 years of marriage  
On August 22nd, 2019  
Love,  
Margaret Dunn***



# Mass Intentions, For the week of August 18th, 2019

## Saturday August 17th, 2019

5:00pm

Arthur J. Byrnes

## Sunday, August 18th, 2019 For the Parishioners of SSPJ

8:00am

10:00am

12:00 Noon

Joan Ward

Collective Mass:

Peter Joseph Loughlin

Anthony Mauceri

Lisa Albano O'Rourke

Veronica Tantone

Michael McDermott

## Monday, August 19th, 2019

7:30am

9:15am

Harry Nordin

Joseph Keane

## Tuesday, August 20th, 2019

7:30am

9:15am

Mark Phillip Costello

David McCulloch

## Wednesday, August 21st, 2019

7:30am

9:15am

Chris Badolato

Francesco Casali

## Thursday, August 22nd, 2019

7:30am

9:15am

Walter Brautigan

Collective Mass:

Nancy Infantolino

Mary Jean Brown

## Friday, August 23rd, 2019

7:30am

9:15am

Christopher Michael Thomas & Jental Marie (Living)

Alan Evans

## Saturday, August 24th, 2019

9:15am

5:00pm

Allene A. Wellinger

Fran Settoducato

## Sunday, August 25th, 2019

8:00am

10:00am

12:00 Noon

For the Parishioners of Sts Philip & James

Louis Pelosi

Collective Mass:

Peter Joseph Loughlin

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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

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## *PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR August 24th & 25th, 2019*

Saturday, August 24, 2019 5:00pm	Sunday, August 25, 2019 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, August 25, 2019 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, August 25, 2019 12:00 MASS
Father Maxim Rosario	Father Maxim Rosario	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Patrick Osei-Poku
Deacon Ron		Deacon Ron	

## *EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE -FOR August 24th & 25th, 2019*

Saturday, August 24, 2019	Sunday, August 25, 2019	Sunday, August 25, 2019	Sunday, August 25, 2019
5:00PM	8:00 AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
R. Byrne	L. Beisel	J. Alternative	M. Laub
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Saturday, August 24, 2019	Sunday, August 25, 2019	Sunday, August 25, 2019	Sunday, August 25, 2019
5:00PM MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
B. Tobin	J. Saladino	B. Kieran	A. Miloscia
R. Tobin	M. Saladino	E. Cheesemen	M. Miloscia
V. Scarpelli	C. Morbillo	A. Kaiser	G. Lombardi
E. Schor	G. Morbillo	P. Wos	J. Lombardi

## *LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR August 24th & 25th, 2019*

Saturday, August 24, 2019	Sunday, August 25, 2019	Sunday, August 25, 2019	Sunday, August 25, 2019
5:00PM MASS	8:00 AM MASS	10:00AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
L. Just	L. Willman	M. Hoonhout	E. Wittish
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## Just Because You're a Jew Doesn't Mean ...

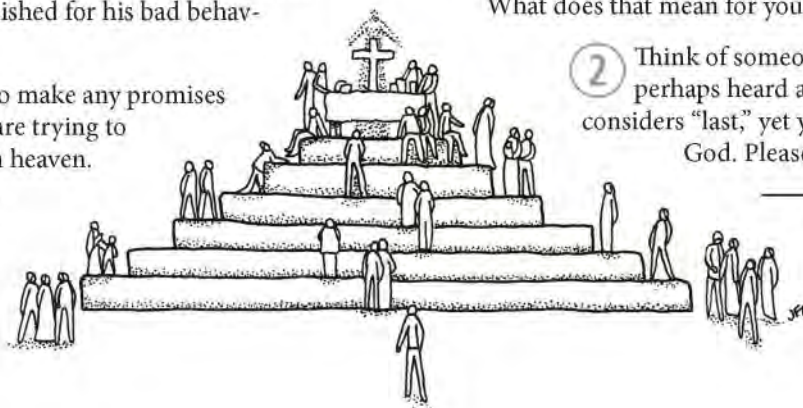
*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- Isaiah 66:18-21 - Gathering of the nations
- Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 - The discipline of god
- Luke 13:22-30 - The narrow door

The Gospel reading reaffirms the theme of the first reading, promising that people throughout the world, not just Jews, will be welcomed into God's Kingdom. This proclamation would have been shocking to some Jews at the time of Isaiah's prophecy, as well as in Jesus' time. For all of Jewish history up until Jesus (and well beyond), Jews were proud to think of themselves as "the chosen people." Many of the Old Testament laws aimed at establishing and ensuring a separation between their holiness and the "impurities" of the rest of the world. Isaiah and Jesus turn this understanding upside-down, declaring that God's invitation is to all people, not only a select few.

Throughout all of history, in many world religions, there have been people who have been obsessed with the question of who will be saved and/or how many people will be saved. The anonymous person who asked Jesus "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" seems to be in this category. The question may come from a place of genuine concern, as in "I want to be with my loved ones for all eternity." Or it may come from a place of self-concern, much like a child who wants assurance that he will be rewarded from his parents for his good behavior while but his brother is punished for his bad behavior.

Jesus refuses to make any promises to those who are trying to earn a place in heaven. His response, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate..." points the



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"Whom the Lord loves, he disciplines."

### Sheepish Question:

What recent setback do I now recognize as a moment of spiritual growth?

questioner back to himself, as if to say "The others are none of your business; worry about yourself." He goes on to warn that being close to him physically, being related to him as a Jew, or being in a highly regarded social position aren't a guarantee for entry into the Kingdom of God. Like many of his parables, Jesus turns the conventional thinking of the day upside-down, suggesting that there are many whom society considers as unworthy or outcasts who are welcomed and cherished by God. "Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

## Questions of the Week

- ① What do you think Jesus means when he says "Strive to enter through the narrow gate?" What does that mean for you in your life today?
- ② Think of someone you know or have perhaps heard about whom society considers "last," yet you believe is beloved of God. Please share about him/her.

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## **The Power of a Compliment**

Thomas Aquinas once suggested that it's a sin to not give a compliment to someone when it's deserved because by withholding our praise we're depriving that person of the food that he or she needs to live on. He's right. Perhaps it's not a sin to withhold a compliment but it's a sad impoverishment, both for the person deserving the compliment and for the one withholding it.

We don't live on bread alone. Jesus told us that. Our soul too needs to be fed and its food is affirmation, recognition, and blessing. Every one of us needs to be healthily affirmed when we do something well so as to have resources within us with which to affirm others. We can't give what we haven't got! That's self-evident. And so, for us to love and affirm others we must first be loved, first be blessed, and first be praised. Praise, recognition, and blessing build up the soul.

But complimenting others isn't just important for the person receiving the compliment, it's equally important for the person giving it. In praising someone we give him or her some needed food for their soul; but, in doing this, we also feed our own soul. There's a truth about philanthropy that holds true too for the soul: We need to give to others not just because they need it but because we cannot be healthy unless we are giving ourselves away. Healthy admiration is a philanthropy of the soul.

Moreover, admiring and praising others is a religious act. Benoit Standaert submits that "giving praise comes out of the roots of our existence." What does he mean by that?

In complimenting and praising others, we are tapping into what's deepest inside us, namely, the image and likeness of God. When we praise someone else then, like God creating, we are breathing life into a person, breathing spirit into them. People need to be praised. We don't live on bread alone, and we don't live on oxygen alone either.

The image and likeness of God inside us is not an icon, but an energy, the energy that's most real inside us. Beyond our ego, wounds, pride, sin, and the pettiness of our hearts and minds on any given day, what's most real within us is a magnanimity and graciousness which, like God, looks at the world and wants to say: "It is good! It is very good!" When we're at our best, our truest, speaking and acting out of our maturity, we can admire. Indeed, our willingness to praise others is a sign of maturity, and vice versa. We become more mature by being generous in our praise.


But praise is not something we give out easily. Mostly we are so blocked by the disappointments and frustrations within our lives that we give in to cynicism and jealousy and operate out of these rather than out of our virtues. We rationalize this of course in different ways, either by claiming that what we're supposed to admire is juvenile (and we're too bright and sophisticated to be impressed) or that the admirable act was done for someone's self-aggrandizement and we're not going to feed another person's ego. However, more often than not, our real reason for withholding praise is that fact that we ourselves have been insufficiently praised and, because of that, harbor jealousies and lack the strength to praise others. I say this sympathetically, all of us are wounded.

Then too in some of us there's a hesitation to praise others because we believe that praise might spoil the person and inflate his or her ego. Spare the rod and spoil the child! If we offer praise it will go to that person's head. Again, more often than not, that's a rationalization. Legitimate praise never spoils a person. Praise that's honest and proper works more at humbling its recipient than spoiling him or her. We can't be loved too much, only loved wrongly.

But, you might ask, what about children who end up self-centered because they're only praised and never disciplined? Real love and real maturity distinguish between praising those areas of another's life that are praiseworthy and challenging those areas of another's life that need correction. Praise should never be undeserved flattery, but challenge and correction are only effective if the recipient first knows that he or she is loved and properly recognized.

Genuine praise is never wrong. It simply acknowledges the truth that's there. That's a moral imperative. Love requires it. Refusing to admire when someone or something merits praise is, as Thomas Aquinas submits, a negligence, a fault, a selfishness, a pettiness, and a lack of maturity. Conversely, paying a compliment when one is due is a virtue and a sign of maturity.

Generosity is as much about giving praise as about giving money. We may not be stingy in our praise. The 14<sup>th</sup> century Flemish mystic, John of Ruusbroec, taught that "those who do not give praise here on earth shall be mute for all eternity."



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