Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 1, 2017

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

"My sheep hear my voice ,says the Lord;

I know them and they follow me."

John 10:27

"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

Parish Center Office Hours:

Sunday ~ Closed
Monday: 9am-8pm
Tuesday & Wednesday: 9am-5pm
Thursday: 9am-8pm
Friday: 9am-12 Noon
Saturday: 10am-2pm

Parish Center Phone ~ 631-584-5454
Parish Center Fax~ 631-862-9675
Web ~ www.sspj.org

Pastoral Team

Father Tom Haggerty	Pastor
Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Associate Pastor
Deacon Ronald Blasius	Deacon
Deacon John Keenan	Deacon
Deacon Ken Maher	Deacon
Margaret Adams	Director of Music
Virginia Portanova	Business Manager
John Cordes	Director of Facilities
Lynn Sisti	Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry
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

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*

Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

At times we refuse.
We say we won't but later we do refuse.
And at those times we say yes,
our lives spell out a big no.

Jesus, please change our hearts,
change our minds to always say yes.

Let feet follow words.

Does this reflection by Anne Osdieck on today's gospel hit home for you? It calls me to consider my "yes" and "no" responses. I particularly like that last line, *let feet follow words.* Jesus asks us to not only talk the talk, but to actually walk the walk. And, we don't walk the walk alone. Together, we are church.

Many thanks to those who have already responded to the request to answer our Confirmation candidates Sunday Mass reflections. What a simple and yet profound way to do what St. Paul did in sending his heart to young Timothy by affirming, encouraging and strengthening him in his journey of faith!

There are naysayers who at times put down our young who are looking for answers - as is appropriate at their stage of life. They are hungry for faith witness, to feel welcomed and at home among us. Please consider joining in this new and simple ministry of affirmation. The Confirmation candidates start next week and then beginning on the feast of Christ the King all students involved in faith formation both in SSPJ School and Religious Education will be handing in their responses to reflection questions. I'd like to have a response sent back to each respondent... from you! "Many hands make light work". Might you consider writing back on the same sheet the student submits some words of affirmation? "Awesome!" "Great insight!", etc. Maybe responding once a month to fifteen or so students? One of my Fordham professors said, "Religious education is the whole church teaching the whole church." Come on, we need you!

Yikes, please don't miss out! There are some wonderful adult offerings here in SSPJ this fall in addition to great ones for our younger parishioners! Doctor Kathleen Andersen is teaching the Sacraments/Liturgy section of the diocesan Basic Theology course. Sign up! Give yourself the gift of deeper understanding. Yes, it's on Saturdays. We'll provide the java and academic stimulation. You bring an open mind and heart. Sounds like it equals new hope! Come on, when did you last let yourself be graced? Last Sunday's Gospel spoke of the generosity of God. No guilt, just an invitation! What do you say?

Looking not only for intellectual stimulation? Want a heartfelt God encounter? Retreat offers another way to let yourself be graced. We all know the hunger for *more*, for *contact,* for *God* . Well, Ecclesiastes says, "there is a time for everything". Might this be yours? There are still some openings. Check out the bulletin description and call to register!

On Wednesday evening there was a meeting for all those who will "meet and greet" the first grade parents in both Religious Ed and SSPJ School. We are delighted to share with you our visions and hopes for the future and to hear you hopes and dreams as well!

At 4:30pm on the lawn beside the old church on Wednesday October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Deacon John will bless the animals. Brings yours!! And a prize goes to the best dressed!

And,

> *A wife waited patiently while her husband played a round of golf on their 18th wedding anniversary. Then they went out to dinner at a lovely restaurant. They talked about many happy memories they'd shared during the years. Then she said "Want to go for another 18?" "No", he replied. "I think it's too dark now."*

Peace,

Father Tom

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

SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of October 1st, 2017

Sunday, October 1st, 2017

8:30am	RCIA	Parish Ctr Cantina
10:00am	Children's Liturgy	School
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room

Monday , October 2nd, 2017

1:00pm	Rosary Makers Group	Philip & James Room
6:30pm	Men's Forum	Church
6:30pm	Youth Leadership Training	Church
7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting	Auditorium

Tuesday, October 3rd, 2017:

1:30pm	Spirit of Love Prayer Group	Prayer Room of Church
4:30pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Choir Loft
4:45pm	REO 6th Grade Reconciliation	Church
4:45pm	REO 6th Grade Parents Meeting	Auditorium
7:30pm	Chords of Faith Rehearsal	Choir Loft
8:00pm	Boy Scout Leadership Meeting	Monte Building

Wednesday, October 4th, 2017:

4:30pm	Communion I Church Tour	Church
5:00pm	PSM Peace & Justice Ministry Meeting	Cantina
7:00pm	Youth Ministry Meeting	Auditorium

Thursday, October 5th, 2017:

2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Choir Loft
7:30pm	Pre-Baptism Class	Philip & James Room

Friday, October 6th, 2017:

10:00am	Retreat Morning Session	Philip & James Room
3:00pm	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Workshop
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip &James Room
8:00pm	First Friday Nocturnal Adoration	Church

Saturday, October 7th, 2017:

1:00pm	CDA Scholarship Committee Meeting	Philip & James Rm

"Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life"
Catechism of Catholic Church

A Very Special Welcome to SSPJ's newest Apostles of Hope and their families,

Lily Anna Berti
Mila Rae Parker
Gracie Quinn Haney
Carmela Anne Calderone
Owen Christopher Derkacz
Mason Daniel Meringolo
Diana Joseph Pfieffer
Brandon Christopher Picone
Madeline Denise Roth
Teagan Elena Silverman
Layla Audriana Valdemira
Santino Nicholas Valdemira
Anthony John Morganelli

May you always hold the blessings of God closest to your hearts...

Congratulations and Welcome Home

Forever

Relying

On

God

Weekly Collection:
Sunday, September 24th, 2017

Sunday Collection: $11,004..
Faith Direct: $3,823.
Children's Jug: $ 34.

St. Pius Collection:$3,251.
Total Collection: $18,112.

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

2nd Collection THIS Weekend: .
September 30th-October 1st, 2017
For Respect Life

A Prayer for Life

Father and maker of all,
you adorn all creation
with splendor and beauty,
and fashion human lives
in your image and likeness.
Awaken in every heart
reverence for the work of your hands,
and renew among your people
a readiness to nurture and sustain
your precious gift of life.

First Anniversary Memorial Mass

for Father James L. Maltese (12/15/1937 – 10/12/2016)

Father Anthony Stanganelli, Presiding

Thursday evening October 12, 2017 at

Sts. Philip & James RC Church

One Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

7:30 PM – Eucharistic Adoration

8:00 PM Mass

Cake and coffee following the Mass in the auditorium

All are welcome

To help us plan for the evening, please send an email to aquietplaceinc@gmail.com if you plan on attending.

SSPJ ROSARY MAKERS

Over 65,000 Rosaries have been made
By the SSPJ Rosary Makers Ministry!

These handcrafted rosaries are then sent to many places –Asia, Africa, Europe, Canada and here in the United States but, especially here at home.

We are looking for new members. Please come and join us!
We meet the first Monday of the month at 1:00pm in the Sts. Philip & James Room.

Our next meeting is Monday, October 2nd, 2017 at 1:00pm.

October is the month of Our Lady. If you know of anyone or group that might need rosaries, please contact the Parish Center at 631-584-5454

Please come pray to Mary on the 100th Anniversary of her last apparition to the children @ Fatima,

Friday Oct. 13th after the 7:30AM mass at the St. Bernadette statue (near the rectory office) or in the main church if raining.
Seek Mary's Intercession

Mass Intentions, For Week of October 1st, 2017

Saturday, September 30th, 2017

5:00pm ***Madeline Haggerty***

Sunday, October 1st, 2017

8:00am ***Teresa Bruno***
10:00am ***Joseph Soave***
12:00noon Collective Mass & For The Parishioners of SSPJ
Robert Remhild
Frank Rutigliano
Frances L. Laderwager
Diego Stincone
Vincent D'Antoni

Monday, October 2nd, 2017

7:30am ***Patricia McNeely***
9:15am ***Estelle DiMartino***

Tuesday, October 3rd, 2017

7:30am ***Frances Laderwager***
9:15am ***Teresita A. Laiz***

Wednesday, October 4th, 2017

7:30am ***James Powers***
9:15am ***Michael E. Kaleita***

Thursday, October 5th, 2017

7:30am ***Mr. & Mrs. Bruno (Living)***
9:15am ***Collective Mass***
Charles J. Notaro, Sr.

Friday, October 6th, 2017

7:30am ***Thomas Colombo***
9:15am ***Thomas F. Collins***

Saturday, October 7th, 2017

9:15am ***Theresa Keane***
5:00pm ***Michael E. Kaleita***

Sunday, October 8th, 2017

8:00am ***Dorothy Dugan***
10:00am ***Carolina Matera Eisenstadt***
12:00noon Collective Mass & For The Parishioners of SSPJ
Gerard Mauskapt
James Canale
Frances Laderwager
Ray Ventrice

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

For those who are ill…

Rose Perconti, Carol Walz, Eva Alaimo, Kitty Cronin, Vivien Cordes Raymond Fox, Joe Alberigo, Dawn Kopel, Mary McDonough, Eileen Zink, Louis Giordano, Grace Giordano, Julianne, Ed Gallagher Pasquale Santoro, Elinor Glasser, Kathleen N. Bradley Shutka ,Deanna Rubino Monzon, Christopher Gerver, Baby Mattia Lubrano, Anna Capizzio, Sadie Solazzo,Christel DeBlasio Catherine Burseind, Brennan Steinorth, Marie DelCiello, Suzanne McCue, Christopher Tallarico, Josephine Scorca, Terence Hobbes, Florence Donahue, John Hernandez, Laura Andrucki & family

We Remember…

Alice Murdock
Graceann Giordano
Cyrus R. Morici
Dana Ingarozza
Genevieve Manteria
Grace Doveala

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
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.

Altar Memorials for the Week of October 1st, 2017

Our Bread and Wine

For the Week of October 1st, 2017

Are offered for,

Michael E. Kaleita

On your second birthday in Heaven,

October 4th, 1976

We love you and we miss you,

Love,

Mom & Dad

Glenn, Melissa, Brody, Connor

Kevin Jocelyn, Liesl, Genevieve

Kristen & Kevin

Our Altar Candles

For the Week of October 1st, 2017

Are burning ...

In Memory of,

Mom & Dad

Love you, always in our hearts.

Love,

Maria, Tony and Family

Our Pro Life Rose

For the Week of October 1st, 2017

Is dedicated

In Loving Memory of,

Bob Wrenn

13th Anniversary In Heaven

Always in our hearts and prayers,

With Love,

The Wrenn Family

Thank you all for your support of the SSPJ Music Ministry! We are grateful to have received questions from many parishioners interested in joining the Music Ministry.

Please prayerfully consider joining Us. Your generous support of our raffle will be used to purchase new music.

Raffle Winners:

Plant basket- Kathy Darrow
Fall basket- Cathy Calagna
Wrapping basket – Maria Brochard
Weekend Fun basket – J. Fleming

Seeking… something you can't quite name?

Perhaps some time for yourself? Some time with faith?
Some deeper connections with God and your life?

Maybe you've answered, YES, I'm seeking,
but how do I find the time?

Many of us are finding ourselves busier every day.
And yet we may also feel some restlessness.
In the midst of all that's happening in your life right now,
God may be inviting you on a time of reflection and growth.
But how do we find the TIME? Perhaps we can manage to carve out some time with planning and the support of others.

SEEKERS, is it time to make A Journey with Christ

a guided retreat connecting you and your life with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

What's the itinerary?

Starting with reflection on who you are and where you and God are,
moving on to stops along the way with Jesus,
and emerging with a deeper experience of God's love.

What's the schedule?

Over a seven week period, we begin with the first of a series of small group gatherings offering suggestions for the journey and some sharing of experiences.

These gatherings continue once a week for 3 weeks, then a one week pause, and then continue for 3 more weeks.

During the seven weeks, each retreatant is asked to commit to making time for prayer and reflection (15 minutes or more) at least 5 times during the week. You choose the time which works for you.

What "supplies" are needed?

A Bible (if you don't have one, one can be purchased at the Center for $6.)

Something with which to record some thoughts, questions, reflections, etc. Some people use a journal, some a notebook, some a computer. Whatever works for you.

A willingness to commit to both the gatherings and your own prayer times.

An openness to listen.

When does the retreat journey begin?

There are 2 options for the small group gatherings:

Friday Mornings, 10-11:30am, Oct. 6, 13, 20, Nov. 3, 10, 17
Tuesday Evenings, 7-8:30pm, Oct. 10, 17, 24, Nov. 7, 14, 21

Who will be the guides on the retreat journey?

Tina Cafaro and Kathleen Andersen.

What is the cost of the retreat journey?

The commitment of your time and prayer.

A $10 donation is requested from SSPJ registered parishioners. An additional $15 from others.

How do I get a ticket for the retreat journey?

Please call the Center (631-584-5454) to register BY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH.

You will be asked for your name, phone, address, if you are a registered parishioner, and whether you are registering for MORNING or EVENING sessions.

Please note: There is a minimum number (9) and a maximum number (12) needed for each retreat session to run. If we have more than 12 for either session, we will begin a wait list.

A letter of welcome will be sent to retreatants on September 27th.

Think about it. Pray about it. Are you seeking something more?
Perhaps now is the time for

A Journey with Christ

Adult Faith Formation – Basic Theology Course

Embraced by the Divine through Liturgy and Sacrament

God embraces us throughout our lives – throughout our days – in many ways.

This section of the diocesan Basic Theology Course touches on the richness and meanings of our faith celebrations.*

Though we may be able to "define" sacrament, name the sacraments, and participate in liturgy, God invites us to go deeper.

Explore - what your Baptism means – then and now... why do we do what we do at Mass... how Anointing of the Sick is celebrated... what is the Liturgy of the Hours... and more...

Dates: **Saturdays, October 21, October 28, and November 4**

Time: *EITHER in the morning OR the afternoon, depending on registration.*

A minimum number of registrants is needed for the course to run.

Morning would be 9am-12:30pm

Afternoon would be 1pm-4:30pm

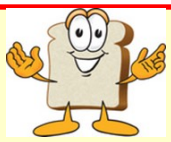
Cost: $10 for SSPJ parishioners. An additional $15 for others.

Instructor: Kathleen Andersen, D.Min.

Registration Deadline: Friday, October 13th.

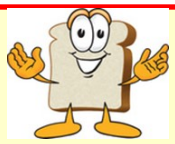
Please register by calling the Parish Center (631-584-5454), giving your NAME, PHONE NUMBER and TIME Preference.

** *The Basic Theology Course of the Diocese of Rockville Centre consists of six sections: Liturgy/Sacraments, Christology, Old Testament, New Testament, Church and Morality.*



PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY GANG SUNDAYS

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



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

When? **Sunday – Oct. 15, 2017**

Time? 11:15 to 12:30 (Check in at 11:05)

Where? **Auditorium**

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

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

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

If you are interested in our next Peanut Butter Sunday, please complete the registration form, which can be obtained at the Pastoral Center. Any questions, please leave a message at 584-5454 and we will contact you as soon as possible.

Parish Social Ministry

St. James Parish, East Setauket

Fall Bereavement Support Group

The Bereavement Ministry at St. James Parish is pleased to announce our

Fall 2017 Peer Support Group

for adults grieving the loss of a loved one.

Facilitators: Catherine Horgan and Dennis Reardon

Sessions begin on Saturday, October 7, 2017
10:30-12 noon

Registration is required as seating is limited.
Please call 631.941.4141 x 341 to register.

Please note that in order to participate in this group, the loss must have occurred prior to July 1, 2017

The Lord said, "The times when you have seen only one set of footprints, is when I carried you."

"Footprints in the Sand" by Mary Stevenson, 1936

St. James RC Church, 429 Route 25A, East Setauket, NY 11733

St. James RC Church
Setauket, NY
631-941-4141

FAITH IN RECOVERY

Touching and inspirational presentation by Michael DeLeon, whose struggles brought him to this stage, will speak on the current drug epidemic.
He will share his unbelievable story of the pain of addiction and the nightmare that led him to finding his "faith in recovery."

His message, "There is always HOPE."

2 presentations are scheduled for **Thursday October 26 at 3pm and 7pm.in St. James Church, Setauket**
Free will offering

Our Food Panty
Is In Desperate Need
of the following items.

Your assistance is a blessing and greatly appreciated.

Progresso: Chicken Soup
Beef Soup
Vegetable Soup

Chili
Baked Beans –small cans
Instant Coffee
Canned Fruit

Boxes of school supplies are on their way to Texas and Florida communities thanks to the generous donations of SSPJ families. Other supplies collected benefited those in need here at home.

Postage for sending these items was paid by the "Spare change jar" located at the Parish Center office!

Annual Blessing of the Animals

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi marks a special day when all of God's creatures receive a special blessing.

We will celebrate this wonderful Saint with a Blessing of the Animals on:

Wednesday, October 4, 2017
At 4:30pm
On the grounds of the Old Church

"*Animals are God's creatures.*
He surrounds them with His providential care.
By their mere existence they bless Him and give Him glory.
Thus, men owe them kindness.
We should recall the gentleness with which Saints like
Francis of Assisi or Philip Neri treated animals."
catechism of Catholic church

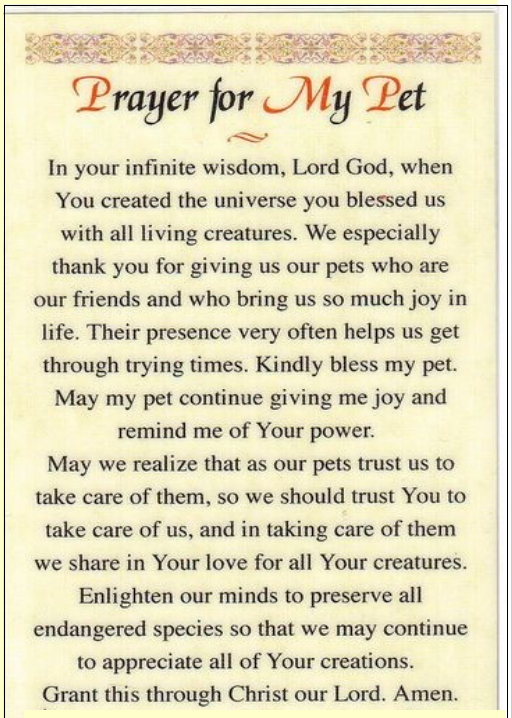
We ask that all who participate, remember those animals in shelters. Kindly bring a donation that we can share with our neighboring shelters as well as with
families who are struggling to feed their own animals.

Suggested donations:

Dogs: Food, Treats, Toys, Bones and Biscuits

Cats: Friskies, Fancy Feast, Litter boxes, Beds
Blankets, Sheets, and Towels

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



Prayer for My Pet

In your infinite wisdom, Lord God, when You created the universe you blessed us with all living creatures. We especially thank you for giving us our pets who are our friends and who bring us so much joy in life. Their presence very often helps us get through trying times. Kindly bless my pet. May my pet continue giving me joy and remind me of Your power.
May we realize that as our pets trust us to take care of them, so we should trust You to take care of us, and in taking care of them we share in Your love for all Your creatures. Enlighten our minds to preserve all endangered species so that we may continue to appreciate all of Your creations.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

"Man's best friend…"

THE MEN'S FORUM

AT THE CHURCH OF SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES

A brotherhood of men dedicated to growing in their faith & discipleship in the Lord Jesus Christ.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017

Dr. Michael Hoonhout, *Professor of Dogmatic Theology:* **Topic *"God and Evolution"***

Ever since Charles Darwin published The Origin of Species in 1859, the theory of evolution has always been controversial. His scientific account that all living things are related as branches of one great tree of life has been interpreted to mean that the story of creation in Genesis is false, and that random chance, not divine purpose, is the cause of all things. What does the Catholic Church say about evolution? How is the scientific explanation of human origins compatible with the revealed truth that man and woman are made in the image and likeness of God? Instead of seeing modern science as contradicting our faith, how can it be seen as supporting it? In this follow-up to last year's talk, "God and the Cosmos," Dr. Hoonhout will answer these questions and show the wisdom, goodness and beauty of God who creates in a manner more profound than we ever knew before science. Please join us Monday night.

LOCATION: Main Church: North Country Rd., Saint James, NY
6:30 PM: Adoration • 7:30 PM: Speaker Talk • 8:30 PM: Coffee & Cake

MEETING DATES

2017:	2018:	2018: *(cont.)*
Sept. 18	Jan. 8	April 9
Oct. 2	Jan. 22	April 23
Oct. 16	Feb. 5	May 7
Nov. 6	March 5	May 21
Nov. 20	March 19	June 18
Dec. 4		

EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

We are a brotherhood of Catholic men who meet at Saints Philip & James R.C. Church and are dedicated to growing in our faith and discipleship in the Lord Jesus Christ. We gather twice a month to pray, listen to spiritual wisdom, and draw strength from one another in fellowship. We seek to become better men of Christian virtue and witness in our families, friendships, Church, and community.

WE WELCOME ALL MEN TO SHARE IN THIS MISSION.

www.sspjmensforum.org

The Men's Forum will meet in the main Church until renovations of the Chapel (Old Church) are complete.

CHURCH of SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES

1 Carow Place • St. James, NY 11780 • 631-584-5454 • www.sspj.org

Come for all, or part of our evening's schedule • No membership required. Open to all men!

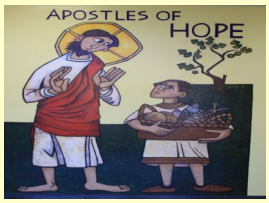
THE APOSTLE OF HOPE CHALLENGE

As we have been highlighting the last few months, we are changing the method of teaching our Religious Education students. In addition, we are having the students and their families become more involved in our parish community. To enrich this experience, we need everyone in our faith community to help welcome and invite all to become part of the Body of Christ.

During the months of October and November, we will be acknowledging specific class grades at our Masses as

DATES FOR ALL CLASS MASSES

October 1	First Grade
October 8	Second Grade
October 15	Third Grade
October 22	Fourth Grade
October 29	Fifth Grade



November 5	Sixth Grade
November 11	Seventh Grade (5pm Mass)
November 19	Eighth Grade

We will be having a small reception after each of the 10:00am Masses for the students and their families. If you have not yet accepted the challenge to be an Apostle of Hope, can you possibly offer bite-size pieces of your time to assist at these receptions by helping to set up or clean up for the reception, welcome and greet the students and the families at the reception, bake cookies, provide small containers of juice for the students? A welcoming environment becomes a nurturing parish family.

If you are able to help with just a small piece of this challenge, kindly contact the parish center office or sign-up using the "Apostle of Hope" sign in sheets in the back of the church.

ST. PATRICK'S
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Opioid Epidemic....
How Can We, the Church, Respond?

All of us are called to help end this growing public health crisis which has claimed more than 500 lives on Long Island in 2016. The effects of this heartless epidemic are widespread and know no boundaries.

St. Patrick's Parish, in collaboration with St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center and LI-CAN (Long Island Congregations, Associations and Neighborhoods), has organized a Community Meeting to address the Heroin and Opioid Epidemic.

Please join us at St. Patrick's Church (Canning Hall)
284 East Main Street, Smithtown
Thursday, Oct 5th 7:30 pm – 9 pm

Keynote Speaker: Leslie Marino, MD
Dr. Marino is an addiction psychiatrist affiliated with Columbia University

Joshua Bozek, MD
Director of QA/PI at St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center
"Heroin and Opioid Abuse through the Eyes of an Emergency Room Physician"

Joe Morris, Lead Organizer LI-CAN

Group Discussions

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LI-CAN

Welcome Back To Our Religious Education Students!!!

Classes began on September 25th!

May God's abundant blessings shine upon all of our students, their families and our Catechists!!!

Knights of Columbus Evening of Fun!

WHODUNIT?

Come spend a night of mysterious entertainment with your fellow parishioners and friends on Saturday October 21st, 2017 as the Knights of Columbus present **A Dance With Death**, a murder mystery.

This 1950's prom is a doo wop disaster! When a death on the dance floor makes this prom night a party foul, it is up to you to figure out whodunit and get this dance back on track. Trade clues with guests, gather information about the crime, and reveal the punk that made this prom nowheresville. This night of laughter and dancing is now too heavy to razz anyone's berries, so it's up to you to find the murderer!

Get ready to put on your thinking caps; you'll need your wits about you to solve this crime!

- **Saturday, October 21st, 7:30 pm- 11:00 pm in the auditorium. Doors open 6:45.**
- **Tickets will be sold after all Sunday masses 10/14-10/15 and in the Parish Center beginning on 10/10.**
- **$25 per person. Light snacks and soft drinks will be provided. BYOB permitted.**

This is an entertainment event for the parish. Ticket price is to cover the cost of entertainment company performing the show.

SSPJ School News!

"…You are precious in my eyes and honored, and I love you…" –Isaiah 43:4

The fourth grade is off to a wonderful start this school year! Together they listened to Matthew West's song, "Hello, My Name Is," which talks about how first and foremost, we are identified as beloved children of God our Father. The class then read the Story of Creation, and discussed how God created each of us in His image and likeness. God willed us into existence, not because He needed us, but because He wanted us. The students created posters about themselves that they decorated with words and pictures of the individual and unique gifts that God gave them when He created them. We are excited to see what the year ahead brings!

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Use your registered STOP & SHOP CARD each time you shop at Stop & Shop, and you will earn CASH for our school. You can track the number of points you are earning for our school by checking your grocery receipt.

At the end of each month, your points are calculated and converted to CASH rewards. These CASH rewards for our school are updated monthly. You can track our progress when you sign in to your online account.

Our school will receive one CASH awards check at the end of the program and can use this cash for any of our educational needs.

SSPJ School Guild Thanks You For Your Support!

Celebrating the Liturgy- With Grateful Hearts We Serve

PRESIDER SCHEDULE–FOR October 7th & 8th, 2017

Saturday, October 7, 2017 5:00 PM	Sunday, October 8, 2017 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, October 8, 2017 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday October 8, 2017 12:00 MASS
Father Patrick Osei-Poku	**Father Patrick Osei-Poku**	**Father Tom Haggerty**	**Father Tom Haggerty**
Deacon Ron			

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE -FOR October 7th & 8th, 2017

Saturday, October 7, 2017	Sunday, October 8, 2017	Sunday, October 8, 2017	Sunday, October 8, 2017
5:00 PM MASS	**8:00 AM MASS**	**10:OO AM MASS**	**12:00 NOON MASS**
M. Latino	B. Luna	E. Law	E. Sotomayer
C. Lombardi	S. McKie	J. Alternative	P. Rizzo
P. Schfilliti	M. Morbillo	G. Amen	D. Coppola
M. Loughlin	D. Mulhall	D. Bleggi	B. Chandler
G. Alfano	M. Sehne	R. Bleggi	J. Hanrahan
I. Arevalo	G. Beisel	T. Cafaro	M. Lebrun
C. Boyen	L. Beisel	M. Dolce	J. Linder
R. Byrne	C. Czujko	B. Gill	M. Napoli
J. Primavera	C. Haff	A. Giordano	T. Pace
L. Taurassi	W. Haff	A. Henchel	A. Santo

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE -FOR October 7 th & 8th, 2017

Saturday, October 7, 2017	Sunday, October 8, 2017	Sunday, October 8, 2017	Sunday, October 8, 2017
5:00PM MASS	**8:00AM MASS**	**10:00 AM MASS**	**12:00 NOON MASS**
A. Balocca	J. Auleta	C. Donnelly	A. Romero
A. Bjorklund	L. Auleta	S. Donnelly	I. Cole
J. Leber	B. Keese	B. Roberts	C. Tsoumpelis
T. Miller	K. Keese	M. Stephan	D. Sanchez-Rincon
V. Scarpelli	M. Russo	J. Schultz	D. Sanchez-Rincon

LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR October 7th & 8th, 2017

Saturday, October 7, 2017	Sunday, October 8, 2017	Sunday, October 8, 2017	Sunday, October 8, 2017
5:00 PM MASS	**8:00 AM MASS**	**10:00AM MASS**	**12:00 NOON MASS**
J. Contrino	L. Willman	M. D'Amelia	B. O'Leary
8th Grade Student	T. Orlik	G. Lombardi	P. O'Hara

Getting Ready for Next Sunday

October 8th - 27th 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 5:1-7 *Psalm 80*
Philippians 4:6-9 *Matthew 21:33-43*

"Noblesse oblige" (nobility obliges) is an expression that we usually associate with royalty and crowned heads of state. People of rank have not only privilege but also responsibility. Exalted position requires royal comportment -- "doing the right thing." Today's readings consider the moral implications of being God's people.

The vineyard is a traditional symbol of God's people. The people are the vineyard, the chosen house of Israel. They are special objects of God's attention, yet this noble call has fallen on deaf ears. The royal people have condemned themselves.

Paul regards faith in Christ as a radical change in living. Baptism implies a share in the death and resurrection of Jesus, and freedom from slavery to sin. Paul says, "Keep on doing the things that you have ... heard and seen in me" (Philippians 4:9).

Matthew shapes the parable of the property owner into a judgment on the people of Israel, not just its leaders (contrast Mark 12:1-10). The tenant farmers kill the son outside the vineyard, an obvious reference to the crucifixion. Verse 43 says the kingdom will be given to others, namely, the Gentiles. Jews and Gentiles together will live out their high calling, both will produce grapes at harvest time (vs. 41).

Baptism is a call to royalty. This sharing in the kingship of Jesus has little to do with external trappings of nobility; it has everything to do with daily living of the gospel. Baptism is the inauguration of the Christian journey to benefit others by example and involvement.

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

Name some of God's servants who have been sent as messengers and have even lost their lives. Which ones do you admire most? Why?

Who are God's messengers today? What changes in society do they advocate?

In what way can you be God's messenger or voice in your community, at work or at Church? What changes in society can you work toward?

Today's first reading speaks of a vineyard and the care it receives. Have you ever tended to a vineyard or a garden? How might your tending relate to God's tending?

Paul tells us not to be anxious. In our world, this is quite a challenge! What helps you to let go of anxiety and grow in trust of God?

Describe a time when you have experienced "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding".

A PRAYER FOR STILLNESS

Be still and know that I am God. Scripture assures us that if we are still we will come to know God, but arriving at stillness is easier said than done. As Blaise Pascal once stated, "All the miseries of the human person come from the fact that no one can sit still for one hour." Achieving stillness seems beyond us and this leaves us with a certain dilemma, we need stillness to find God, but we need God's help to find stillness. With this in mind, I offer a prayer for stillness.

God of stillness and of quiet …

- *Still the restlessness of my youth: still that hunger that would have me be everywhere, that hunger to be connected to everyone, that wants to see and taste all that is, that robs me of peace on a Friday night. Quiet those grandiose dreams that want me to stand out, to be special. Give me the grace to live more contentedly inside my own skin.*
- *Still the fever I inhale from all the energy that surrounds me, that makes my life feel small. Let me know that my own life is enough, that I need not make an assertion of myself, even as the whole world beckons this of me from a million electronic screens. Give me the grace to sit at peace inside my own life.*
- *Still my sexuality, order my promiscuous desires, my lusts, my polymorphous aching, my relentless need for more intimacy. Quiet and order my earthy desires without taking them away. Give me the grace to see others without a selfish sexual color.*
- *Still my anxiety, my heartaches, my worries, and stop me from always being outside the present moment. Let each day's worries be sufficient onto themselves. Give me the grace to know that you have pronounced my name in love, that my name written in heaven, that I am free to live without anxiety.*
- *Still my unrelenting need to be busy all the time, to occupy myself, to be always planning for tomorrow, to fill every minute with some activity, to seek distraction rather than quiet. Give me themes with age. Soothe the unacknowledged anger I feel from not achieving much of what I've wanted in life, the failure that I feel in the face of all that I've left untried and unfinished. Still in me the bitterness that comes from failure. Save me from the jealousy that comes unbidden as I begrudgingly accept the limits of my life. Give me the grace to accept what circumstance and failure have dealt me.*
- *Still in me the fear of my own shadow, the fear I feel in the face of the powerful, dark forces that unconsciously threaten me. Give me the courage to face my darkness as well as my luminosity. Give me the grace to not be fearful before my own complexity.*
- *Still in me the congenital fear that I'm unloved, that I'm unlovable, that love has to be earned, that I need to be more worthy. Silence in me the nagging suspicion that I'm forever missing out, that I'm odd, an outsider, that things are unfair, and that I'm not being respected and recognized for who I am. Give me the grace to know that I'm a beloved child of a God whose love need not be earned.*
- *Still in me my false fear of you, my propensity for a misguided piety, my need to treat you like a distant and feared dignitary rather than as a warm friend. Give me the grace to relate to you in a robust way, as a trusted friend with whom I can jest, wrestle, and relate to in humor and intimacy.*
- *Still my unforgiving thoughts, the grudges I nurse from my past, from the betrayals I've suffered, from the negativity and abuses I've been subject to. Quiet in me the guilt I carry from my own betrayals. Still in me all that's wounded, unresolved, bitter, and unforgiving. Give the quiet that comes from forgiveness.*
- *Still in me my doubts, my anxieties about your existence, about your concern, and about your fidelity. Calm inside me the compulsion to leave a mark, to plant a tree, to have a child, to write a book, to create some form of immortality for myself. Give me the grace to trust, even in darkness and doubt, that you will give me immortality.*

Still my heart so that I may know that you are God, that I may know that you create and sustain my every breath, that you breathe the whole universe into existence every second, that everyone, myself no less than everyone else, is your beloved, that you want our lives to flourish, that you desire our happiness, that nothing falls outside your love and care, and that everything and everybody is safe in your gentle, caring hands, in this world and the next.

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