Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 15, 2017

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

"My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, Glory forever and ever. Amen" *Philippians 4:19-20*

"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
Frank Brancaccio	Youth Minister

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,

In today's first reading the prophet Isaiah describes a sumptuous feast. Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP, comments:

> *In Jesus God is fulfilling Isaiah's vision at this Eucharist. Here we feed at the feast God has provided God's needy people. Gathered for a short time at worship, on this holy mountain, God has drawn strangers and friends together. We are in need of forgiveness and, as the prophet promised, God removes our reproach. We are hungry and thirsty for a food and drink that will sustain us in faith and God provides it from this altar, "a feast of rich food and choice wines." Here our hunger for God is satisfied.*

Do we really recognize the invitation to feast each Mass offers us? What might help us to allow God to feed our hungers and quench our thirsts? Full, active, conscious participation at Mass!! Private personal prayer is so needed in our lives, but so is communal prayer, and that's how we pray at Mass – not privately, but *together.* TOGETHER we are the church, and our journey continues. We're invited to this sumptuous feast every week – every day! Let's make our response resound with unity and gratitude.

This Sunday is Catholic Daughters Sunday. Once again I'd like to thank these women of faith in our parish for all they continue to do to support the mission and life of SSPJ! You are truly Apostles of Hope!

Congratulations to Father Patrick who last Sunday became a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus! The Knights, as you know, are sponsoring a fun night – a murder mystery! I hope to see you there and share some fun.

This weekend our new Parish Social Ministry Coordinator, Lynn Sisti, will introduce herself and share her expanded vision with us. I hope you'll not only give Lynn your characteristic warm welcome but also consider a "bite sized" way in which you can help her grow this intrinsic part of how we live as Gospel people.

We're very happy to welcome the third grade students and families in both Religious Education and SSPJ School to the 10am Mass this Sunday. Bringing the gift of yourselves to the feast enriches us all!

You will find a special invitation to witness the Baptism of Jessica and Nick Lubrano's miracle baby, Mattia Therese, which will take place during the 10am Mass on Sunday, October 29th, 2017.

And,

An Augustinian, a Franciscan, and a Jesuit all die and go to heaven. Jesus asks each one: "If you could go back, what would you change about your life?"

The Augustinian pondered and then said, "There's so much sin in the world. If I went back, I'd try and stop people from committing so much sin."

The Franciscan thought a bit before saying, "There's so much poverty in the world. If I went back, I'd try and get people to share more of their wealth with the poor."

The Jesuit looked at Jesus and said, "If I went back, I'd change my doctor."

Peace,

Father Tom

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

SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of October 15th, 2017

Sunday, October 15th, 2017

8:00am	**KOC Ticket Sales**	**School Lobby/Outside**
8:30am	RCIA	Parish Ctr Cantina
10:00am	Children's Liturgy	School
11:00am	REO Reception for Grade Masses	Auditorium
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room

Monday , October 16th, 2017

6:30pm	**Men's Forum**	**Church**
6:30pm	Youth Leadership Training	Cantina
7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting	Auditorium

Tuesday, October 17th, 2017:

1:30pm	Spirit of Love Prayer Group	Prayer Room of Church
4:30pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Choir Loft
7:00pm	Retreat Evening Session	Philip & James Rm
7:00pm	**Catholic Daughter's Meeting**	**Auditorium**
7:30pm	Chords of Faith Rehearsal	Choir Loft
8:00pm	Boy Scout Leadership Meeting	Monte Building

Wednesday, October 18th, 2017:

10:00am	**Alive In The Word Morning session**	**Philip & James Room**
4:30pm	**Communion I Church Tour**	**Church**
7:00pm	Youth Ministry Meeting	Auditorium

Thursday, October 19th, 2017:

2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:00pm	Alive In The Word Evening session	Philip & James Rm
7:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Choir Loft

Friday, October 20th, 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	Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary for Life	Church

Saturday, October 21st, 2017:

8:00pm	**KOC Murder Mystery Evening**	**Auditorium**

Weekly Collection:
Sunday, October 8th, 2017

Sunday Collection: $15,379.
Faith Direct: $3,823.
Children's Jug: $ 25.
Hurricane Relief : $4,604.
Total Collection: $23,831.
Many thanks for your generous support of Sts. Philip & James Parish

Second Collection Next Weekend:
October 21st & 22nd, 2017

For: World Missions

Pope Francis: Message for World Mission Day 2017

Once again this year, World Mission Day gathers us around the person of Jesus, "the very first and greatest evangelizer" (Paul VI, Evangelii Nuntiandi, 7), who continually sends us forth to proclaim the Gospel of the love of God the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. This Day invites us to reflect anew on the mission at the heart of the Christian faith. So it is important to ask ourselves certain questions about our Christian identity and our responsibility as believers in a world marked by confusion, disappointment and frustration, and torn by numerous fratricidal wars that unjustly target the innocent. ***What is the basis of our mission? What is the heart of our mission? What are the essential approaches we need to take in carrying out our mission?***

Your donations enable the missionaries of the Propagation of the Faith to reach out to communities, families and children who are in need.

Banns of Marriage

First

Matthew Caulfield
St. John's Lutheran Church-Poughkeepsie
To
Alyssa Granice~SSPJ

First

Christopher Johnson
Our Lady of Lourdes-W. Islip
To
Laura Kelly
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, MA

Third

Jeremy Hudson
Our Lady of Grace, Babylon
To
Sammantha Carroll
SSPJ

Mass Intentions, For Week of October 15th, 2017

Saturday, October 14th, 2017

5:00pm Anna & Frank Guglielmo

Sunday, October 15th, 2017

:00am Thomas Anthony McGrath
10:00am Russell Edward Leo
12:00noon Collective Mass & For The Parishioners of SSPJ
Rev. Thomas Mulvanerty
Bridget Cinquemani
Theresa Martucci
Elizabeth Oestel

Monday, October 16th, 2017

7:30am Peggy Hullfakadej
9:15am Joan O'Connor

Tuesday, October 17th, 2017

7:30am John Iacobacci
9:15am John & Virginia Kelly

Wednesday, October 18th, 2017

7:30am Vincent Krupski
9:15am Peter Byrne

Thursday, October 19th, 2017

7:30am Bob Heschel
9:15am Collective Mass
Jack Duffy
John Johnston

Friday, October 20th, 2017

7:30am Dorothy Moore
9:15am Michael Lisa

Saturday, October 21st, 2017

9:15am James Canale
5:00pm Mary & Stefano Giacoppo

Sunday, October 22nd, 2017

8:00am Lawrence M. Kenney
10:00am Frank Romanelli
12:00noon Collective Mass & For The Parishioners of SSPJ
Ralph M. Duhning Sr.
Reverend Robert Guintini
John Johnston

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

For those who are ill…

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

We Remember…

Daniel DeLise

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 15th, 2017

Our Pro Life Rose
For the Week of October 15th, 2017
Is offered for,

William & Margaret Olsen
We Love You, and we miss you
More than you will ever know.
Love,
Jackie & Family

An Invitation….

A Prayer of Thanksgiving, A Song of Praise…

A Gift of Faith, Hope, and Love….

Welcome Home To Your Parish Family, Mattia Therese Lubrano

"If the anchor is what secures the boat and keeps it 'anchored' amid the swaying of the sea, the sail, on the other hand, is what makes it glide and advance on the waters. Hope is truly like a sail. It gathers up the wind of the Holy Spirit and transforms it into a driving force that moves the boat forward towards the safe harbor of eternal life."

'Where there's life, there's hope."

Pope Francis Papal Audience, Pentecost, 2017

Thank you, to the Lubrano family for sharing with us your journey of Hope and for the beautiful example of faith that your hearts embrace.

Each one should use whatever gifts he has received to serve others, Faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms…
Peter 4:10

You are invited to join us in celebrating The Baptism of

Mattia Therese Lubrano

My family and I have been so blessed to see God's grace in all of you. It is a humbling experience to see His hands at work through so many. We could never express the gratitude and appreciation to all who have helped us through Mattia Therese, our daughter's diagnosis and surgeries. We are happy to celebrate her Baptism and would like to invite you all to come and give thanks with us - thanks for how far she has come and thanks for all of you.

Please join as on October 29, 2017 @ Sts. Philip and James Church at the 10:00 mass
Thank You reception to follow after mass in the school auditorium @ 11 am.

Parish Social Ministry

SSPJ 2017Thanksgiving Drive~
A different focus...

In order to promote the independence of our service users and to respect their dignity, we would like to empower them to make their own choices for a holiday dinner.

Therefore, this year, we would appreciate more supermarket gift cards or monetary contributions and less in the way of food items.

We will be collecting your donations after the Masses on Saturday, November 11th, and Sunday, November 12th, 2017.

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance
Thursday, November 2, 2017
7:30pm
At this mass, we will remember,
in a special way,
Our loved ones who have died during the past year.
Hospitality immediately following in the auditorium.

All are invited.

Religious Education News

A big thank you is being sent to all of the
First and Second Grade Religious Education Students!

You did a wonderful job assisting at each of your grade level masses during the weekends of October 1st and October 8th!

You did a fabulous job greeting your Parish family, Assisting the Ushers and offering your big smiles!!!

Great Job to you and your wonderful parents!

IMPORTANT DATES

REO Grade Masses:

Sunday ,October 15: 10:00am
Grade 3

Sunday, October 22: 10:00am
Grade 4

Sunday, October 29: 10:00am
Grade 5

Communion I ~1st Grade
Church Tours:

Wednesday, October 18:
4:30pm In the Church

Wednesday, October 25:
4:30pm In the Church

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

October 15, 2017

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Since my installation in January, I have had the joyful opportunity to visit many of the Diocese's parishes, schools and ministries. Thank you for your commitment to the pursuit of holiness and mission in every dimension of your lives. Thank you for your intimacy with Father, Son and Holy Spirit and your deep desire to share your Catholic faith on Long Island and to be instruments of ***dramatic missionary growth.*** Your commitment to the Catholic Church's Eucharistic Mission of Mercy to the World has inspired me at every turn.

As your Servant Successor of the Apostles and as your Shepherd, I am now asking all of us together to take a new and important step in the Church's Eucharistic Mission of Mercy by announcing that the Diocese of Rockville Centre will be making a major commitment to the ongoing healing of survivors of acts of child sexual abuse committed by clergy.

As you may have heard, I announced this past week the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP) for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. This program follows years of meaningful and ever vigilant steps taken in this Diocese to protect children and youth. It is a critical and tangible next step towards reconciliation, healing and compensation for survivors of acts of abuse committed by diocesan clergy.

Our Program will be administered by Mr. Kenneth Feinberg, a preeminent mediator in the country who has administered numerous high-profile compensation programs, including the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund and the Compensation Fund for the victims of the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Mr. Feinberg will be aided by his colleague, Ms. Camille Biros, in this effort.

The Diocese has also established an Independent Oversight Committee to oversee the implementation and administration of the Program. This committee consists of the Honorable A. Gail Prudenti, Dean of the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University and former Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts of New York State; Michael Cardello III, a partner with the law firm of Moritt Hock & Hamroff; and Dr. Thomas Demaria, a New York State Psychologist who is the Director of the Psychological Services Center of the Doctoral Psychology Program at Long Island University Post.

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DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
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The Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program 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 and 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 employees and volunteers, thorough screening of our seminarians preparing to be priests – these are examples of the proactive procedures which have been integrated into every dimension of the Catholic Church's life and will always require our moment by moment vigilance and commitment.

It is important to note that the funding for this program will come from investment returns over time and insurance programs. Of course, if we were not using these funds for this purpose they could have been used for other dimensions of the Church's mission. However, I am convinced that using these funds to help bring reconciliation, healing and compensation for survivors is a vitally important goal and commitment, and the critical next step in our Church's mission of mercy.

Pope Francis said that survivors of abuse and their families are "true heralds of hope and ministers of mercy". Each one of us in every parish in the Diocese of Rockville Centre and the universal Church is called to pray, to sacrifice and to be instruments of healing for those who have experienced sexual abuse or any form of abuse. In this spirit, we are instruments of the Holy Spirit and the Divine Mercy.

To learn more about the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program, please visit the diocesan website www.drvc.org and click on "Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program" to access full Program information. ***You can visit the Program site directly by going to*** www.RockvilleCentreDioceseIRCP.com.

We as a Church recognize that no amount of monetary compensation could ever erase or undo the grave harm suffered by survivors of child abuse. Still, we embrace Christ's healing power and the Mission of Mercy of the Catholic Church as we begin our Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program. We stand in solidarity with our survivors and their families and we continue our commitment and vigilance to the protection of children in our Church and in society. God bless you all and thank you for the inspirational way you live our Church's Mission of Mercy each day.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ John O. Barres

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Knights of Columbus Evening of Fun- Tickets on Sale Now!

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.

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 16, 2017

Msgr. Dom Elias Carr, CanReg. *Headmaster, All Saints Catholic School, Glen Cove, NY*

Topic: "St. Augustine or Thomas Jefferson: Who's Right on Happiness?"

Thomas Jefferson declared that the pursuit of (private) happiness is a central goal of our society, but today this is done at the cost of abandoning larger questions about truth and justice. Relativism leads people to say "you have your truth and I have mine," and justice is reduced to games of power. Yet we see many signs that the pursuit of happiness without truth or justice may not be a successful strategy for finding it — either personally or socially — as more and more Americans literally give up on life. Fr. Elias will show how Saint Augustine's understanding of happiness corrects our radical individualism. The wisdom of St. Augustine can change our relationship to God and others, and show how we may truly find the happiness we seek. Please join us on October 16th.

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

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

For more information, visit our website: www.sspjmensforum.org

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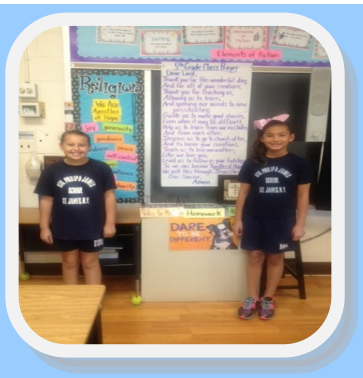
SSPJ School News



The fifth grade students at SSPJ School have adjusted well to the beginning of the school year. The students have worked together, as a class, to compile a 5th grade class prayer. Each day, in the mornings, the students are enjoying reciting their prayer together. Throughout the academic school day, the students are striving to become "Apostles of Hope." The students have written about what it means to be an "Apostle of Hope" and they have given suggestions on how they can become one. The students have also contributed to the charitable act of donating money to the Diocese in Houston to help rebuild their Catholic schools after the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey. The students have also written beautiful "I Am" poems that are displayed in our classroom. These detailed poems describe who the students are as Catholics, their inspirations, hopes and dreams. The students have enjoyed writing, sharing and displaying these poems.

Sts. Philip and James School invites you to our week-long celebration of

Early Childhood Education
Featuring our
Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Programs

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Open Houses
Monday, October 23rd – Friday, October 27th
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 26th
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m...

* Meet the Teachers *
- Students entering Pre-K, Kindergarten
- and First Grade are welcome!*

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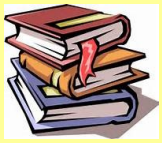
Early Childhood Learning
at Sts. Philip and James School,
A fun-loving place where we
"learn to listen" and "listen to learn".



Academy electives began Wednesday, October 4th, 2017 at SSPJ School.
Electives included are:
Science component (STREAM) moderated by Mr. Dunn
Math component (Math 24) moderated by Mrs. Naso
Religious component moderated by Fr. Tom,
ELA component(School Newsletter) moderated by Mrs. Collins.
Sessions will run for 3 weeks and each 6th, 7th and 8th grade student will rotate until all electives have been covered.
Our Students are enjoying this new aspect at SSPJ school.

Celebrating the Liturgy- With Grateful Hearts We Serve

PRESIDER SCHEDULE–FOR October 21st & 22nd, 2017

Saturday, October 21 , 2017 5:00 PM	Sunday, October 22, 2017 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, October 22, 2017 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday October 22, 2017 12:00 MASS
Father Patrick Osei-Poku	**Father Patrick Osei-Poku**	**Father Tom Haggerty**	**Father Tom Haggerty**
Deacon Ron	**Deacon Ron**	**Deacon John**	**Deacon John**

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE -FOR October 21st & 22nd, 2017

Saturday, October 21, 2017	Sunday, October 22, 2017	Sunday, October 22, 2017	Sunday, October 22, 2017
5:00 PM MASS	**8:00 AM MASS**	**10:OO AM MASS**	**12:00 NOON MASS**
B. Carey	M. Koke	J. Lavan	E. Sotomayer
H. Collins	B. Luna	C. Napolitano	C. Zito
N. Locastro	S. McKie	G. Patalano	G. Zito
M. Latino	M. Morbillo	L. Patalano	B. Chandler
R. Byrne	D. Mulhall	N. Rannazzisi	J. Hanrahan
P. Damato	M. Sehne	W. Rodriguez	M. Lebrun
G. Priebe	G. Beisel	J. Scott	J. Linder
L. Taurassi	J. Harvey	L. Sisti	M. Napoli
L. Tepedino	W. Ramos	M. Spina	T. Pace
D. Toto	M. Dunn	J. Sweeney	A. Santo

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE -FOR October 21st & 22nd, 2017

Saturday, October 21, 2017	Sunday, October 22, 2017	Sunday, October 22, 2017	Sunday, October 22, 2017
5:00PM MASS	**8:00AM MASS**	**10:00 AM MASS**	**12:00 NOON MASS**
B. Doran	L. Dorrian	B. Dearie	A. Miloscia
L. Doran	T. Dorrian	S. Dearie	M. Miloscia
J. Scomillio	J. Koester	G. Lombardi	G. Cusumano
R. Lauro	C. Morbillo	J. Lombardi	N. Cusumano
	G. Morbillo	O. Jacobs	P. Cusumano

LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR October 21st & 22nd, 2017

Saturday, October 21, 2017	Sunday, October 22, 2017	Sunday, October 22, 2017	Sunday, October 22, 2017
5:00 PM MASS	**8:00 AM MASS**	**10:00AM MASS**	**12:00 NOON MASS**
C. Burke	A. Mondrone	S. D'Agostino	D. Rincon-Sanchez
8th Grade Student	E. Dobres	J. Papparella	P. O'Hara

Getting Ready for Next Sunday

October 22nd - 29th 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 45:1,4-6 *Psalm 96*
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b *Matthew 22:15-21*

All of us owe allegiance to different groups: families, local churches, civic groups, governments, and so forth. These various involvements force us to define priorities and then give appropriate attention to each. Loyalties must be held in reasonable tension. The reality of loyalty is the focus of our passages this weekend.

Cyrus the Great, King of Persia, was about to conquer Babylonia and so claim the allegiance of Israel's exiles. Second Isaiah speaks of this pagan king as anointed one. He shows that by grasping Cyrus' hand, God recognized him as the legitimate ruler of God's people. But there is a balance in this loyalty: Yahweh is overlord and Cyrus is servant; Yahweh is the only God. "I am the LORD, and there is no other" (vs. 6).

The Pharisees and Herodians plan to foil Jesus, not to seek truth. They address Jesus as teacher (a title Matthew has nonbelievers in Jesus use), but they do not intend to become his disciples. Jesus does not enter into an analysis of the percentages of loyalty due to God and Caesar. Rather, he acknowledges loyalty to both. The embarrassed questioners are taught that loyalties must be balanced.

Today's liturgy suggests that the believer must assess the loyalty due to family and to career. If family concerns cease to be important and the job absorbs most of one's energy, then the moment has arrived to reprioritize values and loyalties. The same is true in one's spiritual relationship: If there is no time for prayer and worship, then loyalties are out of balance.

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Is 45:6

For reflection…

Do God's and Caesar's worlds have to be separated? What would the world be like if they were joined together?

Even if the coin bears Caesar's image, doesn't the universe and everything bear God's image? Where do you find God's image?

What do I have that belongs to God? My life? My family? My possessions? Can I give these back to God? In what ways might I do that?

The first reading speaks of Cyrus, who was a Gentile and a pagan. Yet he accomplished good things for the chosen people. Did he have any idea that God was working through him? Do you always know when God is using you to help others? What is the message here for us?

LANGUAGE AS OPENING OR CLOSING OUR MINDS

Thirty years ago, the American Educator, Allan Bloom, wrote a book entitled, *The Closing of the American Mind.* This was his thesis: In our secularized world today our language is becoming ever-more empirical, one-dimensional, and devoid of depth and this is closing our minds by stripping us of the deeper meanings inside our own experience. For Bloom, how we name an experience determines to a large extent its meaning.

Twenty years earlier, in rather provocative essay, *The Triumph of the Therapeutic,* Philip Rieff had already suggested something similar. For Rieff, we live our lives under a certain "symbolic hedge", namely, a language and set of symbols within which we interpret our experience. And that hedge can be high or low and consequently so too will be the meaning we derive from any experience. Experience can be rich or shallow, depending on the language by which we interpret it.

Take this example: A man has a backache and sees his doctor. The doctor tells him that he's suffering from *arthritis*. This brings the man some initial calm. But he isn't satisfied and sees a psychologist. The psychologist tells him that his symptoms are not just physical but that he is also suffering from *mid-life crisis*. This names his pain at a deeper level and affords him a richer understanding of what he is undergoing. But he's still dissatisfied and sees a spiritual director. The spiritual director, while not denying him arthritis and mid-life crisis, tells him that he should understand this pain as his *Gethsemane*, as his cross to carry.

Notice all three diagnoses speak of the same pain but that each places that pain under a different symbolic hedge. Language speaks at different levels and only a certain language speaks at the level of the soul. Recently we have been helped to understand this through the work of Carl Jung and a number of his disciples, notably James Hillman and Thomas Moore, who have helped us to understand more explicitly the language of the soul and how that language uncovers deep archetypes within us.

We see the language of soul, among other places, in some of our great myths and fairy tales, many of them centuries old. Their seeming simplicity can fool you. They may be simple, but they're not simplistic. To offer one example, the story of *Cinderella:* The first thing to notice in this story is that the name*, Cinderella*, is not a real name but a composite of two words: *Cinder,* meaning ashes; and *Puella,* meaning the eternal girl. This is not a simple fairy tale about a lonely, beaten-down young girl. It's a myth that highlights a deep structure within the human soul, namely, that before our souls are ready to wear the glass slipper, be the belle of the ball, to marry the prince, and to live happily ever after we must first spend some necessary time sitting in the ashes, suffering humiliation, and being purified by a time in the dust.

Notice how this story speaks in its own way of our spirituality of "lent", a season of penance, wherein we mark ourselves with ashes in order to enter a desert of our own making.

Cinderella is a story that shines a tiny light into the depth of our souls. Many of our famous myths do that, though nothing shines a light into the soul as deeply as does scripture, the bible. Its language and symbols name our experience in a way that both honors the soul and helps us plumb the genuine depth inside our experiences.

For example: We can be confused, or we can *be inside the belly of the whale*. We can be helpless before an addiction, or we can *be possessed by a demon*. We can vacillate in our prayer lives between fervor and dark nights, or we can vacillate between *being with Jesus 'in Galilee' or with him in 'Jerusalem'*. We can be paralyzed as we stand before a globalization that's overwhelming, or we can *be standing with Jesus on the borders of Samaria in a first conversation with a Syro-Phoenician woman*. We can be struggling with fidelity and with keeping our commitments in relationships, or we can *be standing with Joshua before God, receiving instructions to kill off the Canaanites if we are to sustain ourselves in the Promised Land*. We can be suffering from arthritis, or we can *be sweating blood in the garden of Gethsemane.*

The language we use to understand an experience make a huge, huge difference in what that experience means to us. In *The Closing of the American Mind,* Allan Bloom uses a rather earthy, but highly illustrative, example to explain this. He quotes Plato who tells us that during their breaks his students sit around and tell wonderful stories about the meaning of their immortal longings. My students, Bloom laments, sit around during their breaks and tell stories about being horny.

We are losing the language of the soul and we are poorer for it.

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