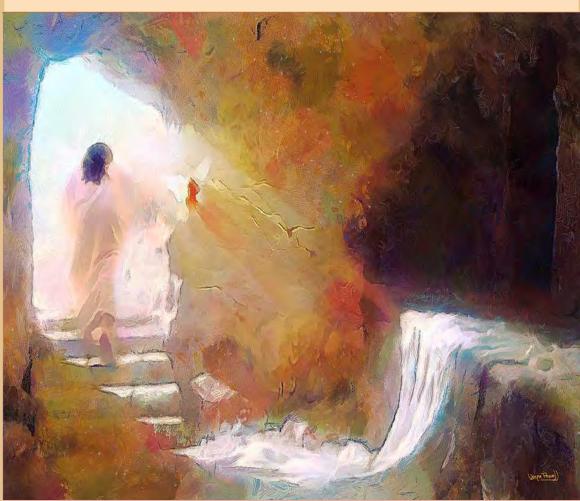


April 21, 2019 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

The Parish of Saints Philip and James
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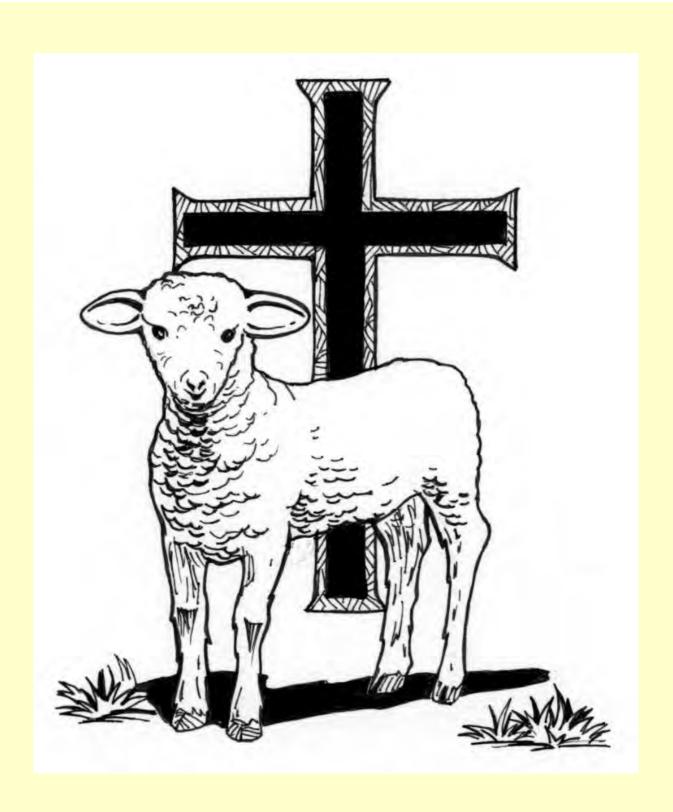


"| have risen, and | am with you still, alleluia" | Psalm: 139

"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

He Is Risen



Alleluia

Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

Happy Easter! May you and your families experience the great joy of Easter – which lasts not for just one day, but for fifty days. Fifty days to celebrate, to rejoice, to explore and to share. There's a line from the second reading which always intrigues me:

Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough?

By no means am I a baker, but I understand and love this analogy. All we need is a little hope, a little act of kindness, a little willingness to reach out and we can be part of an amazing encounter with our risen Savior. St. Teresa of Calcutta told us we encounter Jesus when we do small things with great love. Pope Francis also reminds us that risking small steps to open ourselves to the love of Christ has huge effects. Let the risen Jesus enter your life – welcome him as a friend...take a risk.. He will welcome you with open arms.

We are delighted to welcome all who join us for today's joyful celebration. Easter sends us forth as Apostles of Hope, to bring light to dark places and joy to places where sadness needs to be swept away. The Resurrection of Jesus challenges us by filling us with new life. May we share this new life with all.

Many thanks to all who helped to make the liturgies of Holy Week such graced experiences.

Congratulations to our *Neophytes, Fred Sierra and Christine Linda Anderson* who were baptized at the Easter Vigil and our newly received candidates, *Jennifer Davidson*, *Sandra Micaela Gomes*, *Stephen Prass*,, *and Ryan Aviles*, who completed their initiation into the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil. Blessings on them, their families, and our RCIA team who continue to journey with them. Thank you to our Music Ministry, our liturgical ministers, all who planned, decorated and assisted with the many details of our liturgies. Our parish continues to be richly blessed.

At each Easter Mass we were invited to renew our baptismal promises. Our liturgies of the Easter season will continue to connect us with our baptismal commitment. Our weekend Masses will begin with an "Asperges" or "Sprinkling Rite", as we celebrate the life giving waters of Easter. Please consider how Easter joy might be encouraging you to be an Apostle of Hope in your family and in our parish. Perhaps this might be the time to inquire about serving in new ways – bringing a little new yeast to our shared ministry!

We're invited to continue our Easter celebration at home with a Family Blessing. After Mass each family is invited to take home a small bottle of holy water and to ask God's blessing, signaling the new life the Risen Lord bids us to bring into our homes and neighborhoods. A Blessing Prayer is included in today's bulletin.

One of the most common Christian symbols associated with Easter is the lamb with a banner bearing a cross. In ancient times the Jews sacrificed a lamb in the course of the Passover celebration. The early Christians, most of whom were Hebrews, associated the sacrifice of the lamb with Christ's sacrifice on the cross. They connected the joyous Passover festival commemorating the liberation of the Hebrews from years of bondage in Egypt with the liberation from death represented by the Resurrection. A "Paschal Lamb" on the inner cover of the bulletin is for you to place in your window from Easter until Pentecost which this year falls on June 9th.

Congratulations and blessings upon our young people who were confirmed last Saturday. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit guide them on their journeys.

As we enter into this joyful Easter season, we pray:

Night surrendered to day, dark to light, fear to courage—death to resurrection.

Peter, afraid to admit he knew the Lord,
fearless now, proclaims you boldly across the barren hills, each place he goes.

In every action he does.

Lord, give us your Spirit: give us your life as you gave it to Peter.

Let us show your story with our lives.

Peace,

Father Tom

Easter Letter from Bishop John O. Barres



EASTER 2019

Dear Friends:

As we celebrate Holy Week, the Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday and, indeed, the entire Easter Season on Long Island, we remember the power of the Risen Christ so eloquently captured in the Resurrection narratives of the four Gospels.

These Resurrection accounts put us in the presence of the Risen Lord and open us up to his power. These narratives reveal the Risen Christ's glorified wounds.

The light that streams from the glorified wounds of the Risen Jesus touch the wounds of the Church, the wounds of survivors of clergy sexual abuse, the wounds of our families and the wounds of the human family.

The power of the Risen Christ rolls back the stones of spiritual inertia and lukewarmness from our hearts, so that we can embrace a new and compelling spiritual vitality and commitment to advance dramatic missionary growth on Long Island and beyond.

It is my role as your Bishop, as your successor to the Apostles on Long Island, and as your servant, to be a teacher of prayer. Every Pastoral Letter, every Catholic Faith Network *Encounter* program, every YouTube video, and every Twitter message I share with you, is designed to open us all to a deeper spirit of prayer, holiness and evangelization.

In my 2019 Lenten Letter, www.bishopbarreslentletter2019.org, Encounter program link: https://youtu.be/AY wYWE3b90 I asked us all to recommit ourselves to being deeply biblical Catholics who embrace daily lectio divina, the prayerful, daily reading and praying of Sacred Scripture.

In this 2019 Easter Letter, I am asking all of us to recommit to a period of daily silent mental prayer, a simple, heart to heart conversation with God. St. John Vianney, the holy Curé of Ars and patron saint of all Catholic priests, wrote: "Prayer is nothing but union with God. When one has a heart that is pure and united with God, he is given a kind of serenity and sweetness that makes him ecstatic, a light that surrounds him with marvelous brightness."

In our current noise-addicted and social-media addicted culture, it can seem almost impossible to commit to a serious period of silence and mental prayer each day.

In the past, we may have tried to be faithful and consistent to mental prayer but found we could not sustain it. We may have given up or become so discouraged that we no longer believe that we could ever be serious about mental prayer.

Bishop Barres Easter Letter Continued

Father Walter Ciszek, S.J. (1904-1984), was a Polish-American Jesuit priest who was imprisoned for more than twenty years for doing missionary work in the Soviet Union. His cause for canonization is currently underway in Rome.

Father Ciszek wrote a memoir of his spiritual journey in which he explains how prayer saved him through his years in prison, in solitary confinement, and even in the Gulag. In the book He Leadeth Me, he makes the connection between deep faith and deep prayer: "We cannot pray as if we were talking to the empty air; so in the very act of praying we unconsciously remind ourselves of the reality and the presence of God, thereby strengthening our belief in him ... Without faith, our lives are just so many empty and boring routines, hollow at the core, as day succeeds day with little sense of meaning or feeling of accomplishment. With faith, however, even the most boring and routine action of every day has merit and significance for us – and for the kingdom of God."

And so, each Easter, we all together humble ourselves and begin again. The power of the Risen Christ allows us a new beginning and opens us up to new vistas of conversion and spiritual growth.

St. Peter of Alcantara (1499-1562) was a Spanish Franciscan friar who lived in the 1500's and was a master of spirituality. Consider what this great saint said about how mental prayer transforms our lives: "In mental prayer the soul is purified from its sins, nourished with charity, confirmed in faith, and strengthened in hope; the mind expands, the affections dilate, the heart is purified, truth becomes evident; temptation is conquered, sadness dispelled; the senses are renovated; drooping powers revive; tepidity ceases; the rust of vices disappears. Out of mental prayer issues forth, like living sparks, those desires of heaven which the soul conceives when inflamed with the fire of divine love. Sublime is the excellence of mental prayer, great are its privileges; to mental prayer heaven is opened; to mental prayer heavenly secrets are manifested and the ear of God ever attentive."

This Easter, may the power of the Risen Christ and the Gospel Resurrection narratives open us to the Holy Spirit expanding the height, depth and breadth of our daily mental prayer and our capacity for contemplative concentration.

May each one of us embrace our call as baptized Catholic Christians to not only pray at a deep level ourselves, but also to teach others to pray as well.

May the Holy Spirit continue to raise up contemplative missionary saints on Long Island!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres Bishop of Rockville Centre

+ Aph O. Banes

ST. GIANNA MASS FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES

SATURDAY APRIL 27: 5PM

The Diocese of Rockville Centre Respect Life Office, Catholic Charities and Catholic Health Services of Long Island invite you to the St. Gianna Mass For Women and Families which will be held on the Feast of St. Gianna Beretta Molla.

The Mass will be presided by Bishop John Barres with a reception to follow showcasing Gianna relics.

RSVP: DRVC Respect Life Office:

516-678-5800x626



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

This program encourages parish communities to pray for babies in danger of abortion.

We ask that you "Prayerfully Adopt a Baby" by reciting this prayer:

God, author of all life,
Bless, we pray, this unborn child;
Give constant protection
And grant a healthy birth
That is the sign of our rebirth one day
Into the eternal rejoicing of heaven.
Lord, who have brought to this woman
The wondrous joy of motherhood,
Grant her comfort in all anxiety
And make her determined
To lead her child along the ways of
salvation.

Taken from USCCB: "Rite of Blessing for Child in the Womb"

What She Saw Changed Everything- Review of the film: "Unplanned" Review Written By SSPJ Parishioner: Brian O'Leary

Last weekend, I saw the film, "Unplanned," at AMC Loews in Stony Brook. The film is based on the autobiographical book of the same title by Abby Johnson, and tells the powerful story of how, after several years of successfully rising through the ranks at the local Planned Parenthood clinic in Bryan, Texas, Abby suddenly becomes aware of the true nature and mission of the organization, as well as her role in —quite deliberately and aggressively— promoting and encouraging abortions. She also realizes the motive driving this effort...to maximize profits.

Directed by Chuck Konzelman and Cary Solomon (God's Not Dead & God's Not Dead 2), the movie is beautifully shot and features impressive performances throughout the cast, notably by Ashley Bratcher, who stars as Abby and also narrates the film.

In a recent interview, the directors emphasize that they have not embellished the story, or offered any sort of editorializing. They're simply sharing Abby's story with the audience.

It's also worth noting that, in contrast to their earlier films, the production, screenwriting, and casting of "Unplanned" seem to have been better financed, in that the script, production value, and caliber of acting are truly characteristic of a higher-budget feature film.

From the beginning of the film, Bratcher, as narrator, acknowledges Abby's admitted naiveté about Planned Parenthood, having begun her career there as a volunteer, while still in college. In spite of her family's continued disapproval, she remains steadfastly convinced that she is helping women in crisis.

Abby is portrayed as a truly good and decent person, and having watched her in several interviews, I find no reason to believe otherwise. She is loving mother and devoted wife. During her tenure at the clinic, she genuinely befriends a couple, Marilisa and Shawn, who've spent years peacefully protesting and praying outside the clinic's fence. They turn out to be integral to Abby's transformation.

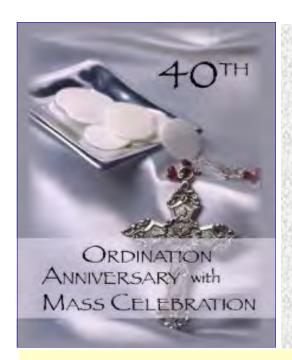
Soon after being named Planned Parenthood's employee-of-the-year, Abby is reprimanded by her supervisor, simply for questioning the organization's newly established goal of **doubling** the number of abortions performed. She's told, "Non-profit is a tax status, not a business model." Then, suddenly, after admittedly being complicit to more than 22,000 abortions, Abby is confronted by the gruesome nature of the "procedure" she has been promoting for the past eight years.

To be clear, the film is not easy to watch. The dialogue is frequently unsettling, as characters describe the truly dehumanized reality of the clinic's procedures and practices. I could hear others in the theater unable to contain their discomfort, as those on the screen portrayed the callous nonchalance with which clinic staff perform their daily tasks.

And, yes, it's disturbingly graphic at times. It has to be. In fact, the audience experiences Abby's moment of conversion as if we were in the procedure room with her. It is an extraordinarily heart-wrenching scene, and one that accurately —though painfully—illustrates the real issue; the brutal extermination of an unborn human child.

Her epiphany is not pleasant, but once Abby realizes the truth, the movie goes on to become an inspiring tale of redemption and of a person courageously responding to a higher calling.

In a recent interview with Fox News, lead actress Ashley Bratcher summed it up beautifully, saying, "This movie is not about judgment and condemnation. It's about mercy and forgiveness."



Easter Blessings

40 years ago, Father Tom responded

to Gods call

With an empathetic YES, to follow Jesus as a disciple of God.

Please join us at a

40th Ordination Anniversary Mass

On Sunday, April 28th, 2019

At the 12:00pm mass.

A coffee and cake reception will follow in the Auditorium

Please Join Us for this wonderful celebration

Music Ministry

Happy Easter to all From the Music Ministry!!

Thank you to all in the Music Ministry for a prayerful Lent and Joyous Easter. All your time, commitment and dedication are greatly appreciated.

Gloria is back, and Alleluia's are sung. For the Easter season we will be singing Water of Life and renew our Baptism promises. Mass parts change to the Mass of Renewal #'s 865, 867, 869, 870.

Remember TOGETHER we sing our praise to God

A Family Easter Blessing

God of abundant love,
we joyfully celebrate Christ's continuing presence in our midst.
Bless our home and our family with this Easter water that reminds us of Jesus'
resurrection and our new life in baptism.

May our home be a place where Your love flourishes, and all are welcome. May it be a refuge of peace for all who enter it.

Bless all who live here, and help us to remember
that You call us to loving service of our neighbors, both near and far. May we share Your
Spirit of gratitude and generosity
with those around us, and may we,
as members of the Sts. Philip and James parish community,
continue to be messengers of healing
and Apostles of Hope.
We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

God's Abundant Blessings upon These Wonderful Apostles of Hope Meet Our 2019 Rite of Christian Initiation Members

Received the Sacrament of Baptism ~Fred Sierra & Christine L. Anderson

Presently I am working at being a better person, Father, Son, Husband, Dog and Cat owner, Martial artist, Worker and Catholic. It is a day to day challenge to focus on all of these, but a worthwhile struggle. I am glad to be a part of this years RCIA process because it allows me to develop a deeper connection to God and a better understanding of our faith. I've learned so much and look forward to learning more. Also, the people I've met during this journey are very special to me. I'm so glad I've had the opportunity to get to know all of them. Joining RCIA has made me so happy that I took the step necessary to be and active member of our parish. My life and relationship with God and parish have become clearer since I have joined RCIA. There are still many questions, a lot more to learn, but through my new connection with the Lord, parish and people I've met here I believe I have a solid foundation to build on. I look forward to continuing my faith education and am so happy that I joined our parish. Thank you!





At the present time, I work at a private college as a registrar and found I was searching for a connection, a place to belong. RCIA has provided many hands to guide me on my faith journey and many eyes to see clearly the path of salvation. The team has helped me to look around the obstacles placed in my path. The relationship I have with God and parish has become clearer. The RCIA team have helped to lift the veil of fear surrounding me in my search to increase my faith and to trust in the plan the Lord has for my life.

Received the Sacrament of Confirmation~ Jennifer Davidson(right) Sandra Micaela Gomez (left)

I have been in the financial industry for several years and presently I am working at Teacher's Federal Credit Union. Being a part of the RCIA process has been instrumental in the growth of my spiritual life and knowledge of my faith. Since I've come to RCIA my relationship with God and parish has flourished. I look forward to discovering my purpose in this life by growing closer to God. I am so grateful for my time at Saints Philip and James Parish.





As a mother and primary educator of three children I am happy that I have been able to be a part of the RCIA group of 2018-19. I have been strengthened in my faith life and have come to know more about the Catholic Church. Being part of the group has made me feel comfortable in our parish and when time will permit, I hope that I can volunteer in some small way. Thank you for everything

Received the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation~ Stephen Prass(right) & Ryan Aviles (left)

I am presently a student at Smithtown High School East and I have decided I would like to complete my Sacraments of Initiation. I have also joined the Youth Group in our parish. I'm glad I am a part of RCIA because I feel like I became more religious and more connected to God. I also feel more knowledgeable in my faith. My relationship with God and parish has been strengthened since I have come to RCIA. I feel more faithful, and more connected to friends and family because of my involvement in the RCIA process. I am grateful to have been a part of the process and I've been told they are happy to have me be a part of their group.





I am presently working really hard to lose weight and be a healthier person. I really feel that if I get my life in order with the Lord, He will guide me into succeeding with this type of journey. Currently I am employed at LG electronics as a district Territory Market Manager. I couldn't have asked for a better job. Before joining the RCIA process, I didn't have a clue about my religion or my faith life. I am thankful to be part of this group as it has taught me how to be open and how to accept God as my savior. Being a part of this group has seemed to make everything better. I've gained friends, got a better job and life continues to get better and better.

Parish Social Ministry ~

All donations for our Parish Lenten project FORWARD IN HEALTH CLINIC, HAITI are greatly appreciated

If donating by check:
Please make check payable to: <u>SSPJ</u>
IN THE MEMO SECTION WRITE:
HAITI CLINIC

If donating cash:

Please place into an envelope securely sealed: WRITE LENTEN PROJECT: HAITI CLINIC All donations may be placed into the Sunday Collection baskets or brought to the Parish Center Office.

Thank you for your overwhelming generosity.

OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Our Food Pantry Can Use Your Help,

We currently are in need of:

Pampers Diapers Size 2: (12/18 pounds)
Enfamil Gentle Ease Baby Formula (Purple Can)

Thank you for your generosity

'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.' Matthew 25:40

The spirit of a Catholic Elementary School is beautifully captured by this fund-raising activity by the Academy students at SSPJ. Because of their efforts, four children in Haiti are going to have health care for the entire year!"

Do small things with great love." Mother Teresa



2019 SSPJ GOAL ~ \$119,700.00: SSPJ is at 71% of Goal



Supporting Dramatic Missionary Growth in Our Community



Witnessing Forgiving Loving Helping Teaching Igniting Evangelizing
Teaching Igniting Evangelizing Forgiving Loving Helping Witnessing

Caring Teaching Loving Forgiving Helping Igniting Evangelizing

You can make a difference in the lives of those around us by making a gift to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal

Every Gift Counts!

A gift of \$25 may help pay the gas for a Meals-On-Wheels van to deliver food for a day.

A gift of \$50 from an emergency fund may help pay the electric bill in a cold winter month for a family in need.

A gift of \$100 may help care for a newborn infant in Catholic Charities Regina Residence.

A gift of \$250 may help subsidizes a home for an adult who is developmentally disabled.

A gift of \$1,000 may help support a Seminarian's education.

Because of you, every year we are able to serve more than 600,000 people in our Long Island Community. This support enables our children to continue to receive the gift of spiritual formation, sacramental preparation, and quality education. It allows seminarians and lay leaders to fulfill their calling to serve the community. With your support Catholic Charities can maintain its services for the poor and disadvantaged, and we can continue to reach out to our young people and others to find the best ways to guide and pass on our faith from generation to generation.

For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit <u>Catholic Ministries Appeal.org</u> or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal			
Parish	-	Pledge:	\$
Name		Down payment:	\$
Address			
City, State, Zip:			
Phone:	Signature:		Date:

2019 Goal \$119,700

Pledges at 4/15/19

Many thanks to the helping hands of the Scouts who assisted in distributing Palms.

Serving with a SMILE!



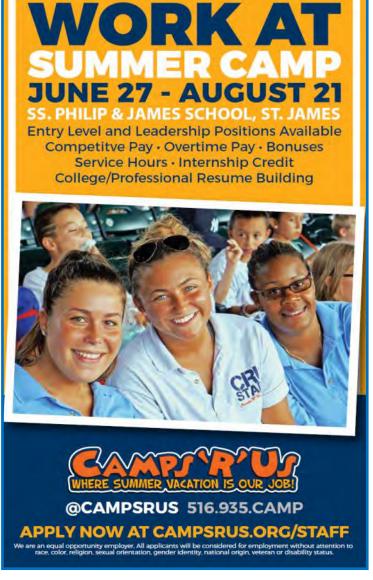






Camps 'R' Us at SSPJ~St. James! OPEN HOUSE: Saturday, April 27th From 10am—12noon at SSPJ School





Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

Every Mass is a 'Healing Mass' because it is there we encounter Jesus the Divine Physician. As we receive

holy Communion, we bring to the Lord all those areas of our lives where there is need for healing

be that physical healing, emotional healing or spiritual healing.

All Are Invited to

A Healing Mass

On

Saturday, May 4th, 2019

At 11:30am

At Sts. Philip & James Parish

Masses for healing can be an opportunity to address and move past the negative feelings that can hinder one's relationship with God, family and others. "The ultimate healing of heart comes when we experience the depth of our

Heavenly Father's love for us as his beloved children and hear his voice of love speaking over us,

"You are my beloved daughter/son and with you I am well pleased."

If you should have any questions or need special assistance in attending this mass, kindly contact the

Parish Center office at 631-584-7257

We extend this invitation to all Eucharistic Ministers that visit our brothers and sisters who are homebound, as well as all



Office of Youth Ministry 631-584-5454

acation Bible Camp

Week 1: July 22nd-26th

(Or)

Week 2: July 29th-Aug 2nd Registration is available for either Week 1 or Week 2

(Curriculum will be the same for both weeks.)

Monday - Friday from 9:30am-12:00pm

This summer's theme: "Bible Hero's"

Vacation Bible Camp is a long-standing tradition at Saints Philip and James. VBC is a one week experience where 4 -9 year olds are introduced to our faith through music, dance, arts & crafts, outside activities and daily assemblies. VBC is a place for children to sing, laugh, learn, pray and meet new friends. Special events and Surprises at the end of the program.

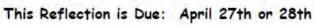
- \$35 Tuition includes supplies, a daily healthy snack and a VBC T-Shirt.
- Registration forms will be accepted after April 1st at the Parish Center Office One Carow place St. James, NY 11780

CAMPER REGISTRATION 2019 WEEK 1: JULY 22-26 (OR) WEEK 2: JUL 29-AUG 2

Camper's Name			
Address			
City		State	Zip
ров	Age	Grade (as of 9/19)_	
Phone #		Cell #	
E-Mail		Allergies	
Emergency Contact			
Contact #		Relationship	
Special Needs:			



April 21st, 2019 Easter Sunday Happy Easter!





My Name Is:	
I am in Grade	
My Catechist "Teacher's" Name Is:	

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18 The Empty Tomb—

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb

Please color the picture below.

Our Easter Prayer

Dear God

Thank you for giving us such good gifts.

For our families who love us.
For yummy food and tasty drink.
For so many different beautiful
animals.

For parks with tall trees and soft grass.

For birds that fly among the clouds.

For seas and streams that are fun to paddle in.

And thank you for your son Jesus. We like to read about him in the

He taught his disciples about you. He healed people who were sick. He walked on water,

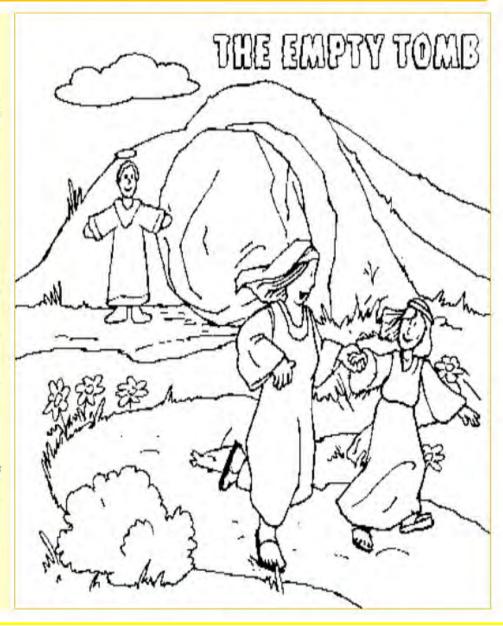
And even died and came back to life.

Help us to remember all the things he did

And celebrate him on this special day.

Amen.

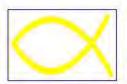
From Living Prayers for today





April 21st, 2019 Easter Sunday Happy Easter!

This Reflection is Due: April 27th or 28th





Student's Name: Grade: 4,5,6, and 7

Catechist Name:

The Empty Tomb—Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb

John 20:1-18

Family Easter Prayer

Psalm 118

Give thanks to the Lord , for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say,

"His mercy endures

forever"

"The right hand of the Lord has struck with power; the right hand of the Lord is

exulted.

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord"

The stone which the

builders rejected has

become the

cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD
HAS MADE; LET US REJOICE
AND BE GLAD.

ALLELUIA



Early	Mary	Angels	Gardener	Day	Tomb
First	Magdalene	White	Teacher	Lord	Father
Week	Stone	Woman	Brothers	Dark	Moved

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THE MEN'S FORUM

2019 MEETING DATES

- May 6
- May 20
- June 17, Closing Mass



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Sts. Philp & James K of C Council #12839 P.O Box 201 St. James, NY 11780

For Credit Card or PayPal:
Please Visit Our Home Page / Website:

Monday, May 6, 2019

Speaker: Brother Richard Contino, O.F.M, Padua Priory in Kings Park Topic: "Being Faithful in an Unfaithful Age"

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. Join us for inspiring talks and fellowship!

Real Men, not without Real Struggles. With the Courage to Believe in Today's World. Our Faith Helps us Face Life's Big Questions. Our Strength is Following Christ Together.

LOCATION: Main Church: 359 Clinton Avenue, 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 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contact: Thomas Sica (631) 521 -sikachu45@hotmail.com

(631) 521 - 4771

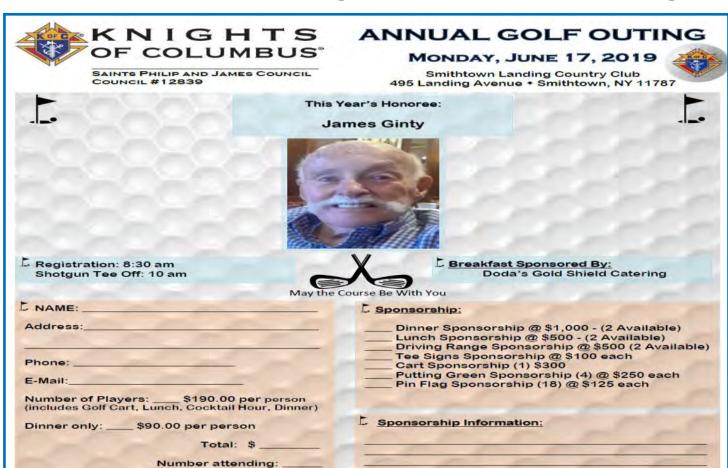


Website: www.sspjmensforum.org

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Save the Date! Knights Annual Golf Outing



Be AWARE of TEXTING SCAM

Dear Parishioners,



It has been brought to our attention that text messages have been delivered stating that the "Sender" is Father Tom Haggerty, asking the recipient to please purchase a gift card for him.

PLEASE BE CAUTIOUS OF THESE AND ANY OTHER MALICIOUS TEXT MESSAGES OR EMAILS.

PARENTS, PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS
FOR THIS SPECIAL EVENT

SSPJ School and Parish Parents

are invited to attend an information session on

Internet Safety





and a short discussion on Vaping

When: Monday, April 29, 2019 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Where: SSPJ St. James Room located in the Rectory

Presented by: Officer Thomas DiLena

Suffolk County Community Outreach Bureau School Resource Officer



The presentation will address the common pitfalls students fall into involving social media apps, the importance of utilizing privacy settings, the dangers of oversharing, and criminal laws pertaning to social media.

SSPJ SCHOOL EVENTS



Sts. Philip & James Dine Around

Monday May 6, 2019 SSPJ Auditorium 7PM \$35 per person Adults only please!

Come and enjoy an evening with friend and family! Enjoy tastings from over 20 local restaurants as well as local beer, wine and live music!

Ticket Sales

Reserve	seats at \$35 each: \$
Name:	
Phone:	

Checks payable to SSPJ School Guild Tickets available via mail, school lobby or rectory Questions: Jen Trainor-McDermott trainorja@yahoo.com



SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of April 21st, 2019

Sunday, April 21st, 2019: Easter Sunday

7:00pm AA Meeting Philip & James Room

Monday, April 22nd, 2019:

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, April 23rd, 2019:

1:30pm Spirit of Love Prayer Group 7;00pm Adult Education

7:30pm Chords of Faith

Prayer Room Main Church Bethany Center Main Church

Wednesday, April 24th, 2019:

10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sts. Philip & James Room

Thursday, April 25th, 2019:

2:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

Church

Friday, April 26th, 2019:

7:00pm 8:00pm

AA Meeting Philip & James Room Eucharistic Adoration Church

Saturday, April 27th, 2019

10:00am Camps R Us Open House

5:00pm Children's Liturgy

School Lobby Church

Sunday, April 28th, 2019:

8:30am RCIA

10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:00am Stained Glass

1:00pm Father Tom Ordination Celebration

7:00pm AA Meeting

Sts Philip & James Room

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PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY GANG SUNDAY

Help us spread the love one sandwich at a time

Please be advised that our April 28th session of Peanut Butter and Jelly is cancelled.

Please join us for our last session of the season on Sunday, May 19th after the 10:00 am Mass. Come and help us feed the hungry, all are welcome.

Happy 40th Anniversary Father Tom!

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Mass Intentions, For the week of April 21st, 2019

7:30am

9:15am

Saturday, April 20th, 2019-Holy Saturday

8:00pm Vigil mass -No intentions

Sunday, April 21st, 2019-Easter Sunday

8:00am No Intentions 10:00am No Intentions 12:00Noon Collective Mass:

No Intentions

Monday, April 22nd, 2019

7:30am Easter Novena

9:15am David McCulloch

Tuesday, April 23rd, 2019

Easter Novena 7:30am

Lucy & Pete Bruno 9:15am

Wednesday, April 24th, 2019

7:30am Easter Novena

William & Geraldine Heneghan 9:15am

Prayer for the Sick

Father, we lift up all those who are facing illness, and those whose hands tend to their needs.

We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies.

Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love, peace and grace.

Baby Mattia Rose Lubrano, Carole Hennessy, Helen McDowell, Joseph, Joseph Perconti Joann Boccia, Zachary Esposito-Tansey, Kitty Cronin, Michael Cronin, Joseph Keane Michael LaVecchia, Patricia Fontana, Patricia Monetti, Kathleen N.,

Robin Graham Denis, TimCavooris, Vivien Cordes, Bob Keenan, Dena Pollina Vicki Archdeacon-Gibb, Anna & John Capizzio, Ian Dowling, Tom Sica, Theresa Stramiello Pam Brandon, Angelo Peluso, Norma Montalto, Maria Suski , Charles Morgan

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

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Second Michael Gandolfo~SSPJ

To

Leeanne Joy Boneillo~ SSPJ

Banns of Marriage

Third Mark P. Lane -St. Lawrence Sayville

Melissa M. Scafa *SSPJ*

Thursday, April 25th, 2019

Easter Novena

Collective Mass:

Jean Elkin

Friday, April 26th, 2019

Easter Novena 7:30am

9:15am Paul J. Czujko

Saturday, April 27th, 2019

9:15am Easter Novena

5:00pm Mark Robert Guglielmo

Sunday, April 28th, 2019

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

10:00am Easter Novena

12:00Noon Collective Mass:

Reverend Richard Hendel Mildred C. Hyland John P. Sherlock, Jr. Felicia Squillace

Maria D'Angelo

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PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR April 27th & 28th, 2019

Saturday, April 27, 2019 5:00pm	Sunday, April 28, 2019 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, April 28, 2019 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, April 28, 2019 12:00 MASS
Father Tom Haggerty	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Tom Haggerty
Deacon John	Deacon Ron	Deacon Ron	Deacon Ron

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE - FOR April 27th & 28th, 2019

Saturday, April 27, 2019	Sunday, April 28, 2019	Sunday, April 28, 2019	Sunday, April 28, 2019
5:00PM	8:00 AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
B. Carey	M. Koke	M. Latino	C. Rubano
G. Alfano	N. Locastro	J. Lavan	V. Rubano
I. Arevalo	B. Luna	D. Anderson	B. Chandler
R. Byrne	S. McKie	J. Alternative	D. LaVecchia
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ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE -FOR April 27th & 28th, 2019

Saturday, April 27, 2019	Sunday, April 28, 2019	Sunday, April 28, 2019	Sunday, April 28, 2019
5:00PM MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
B. Doran	T. Dorrian	G. Cusuamano	N. Hoonhout
M. Page	A. Willman	N. Cusuamano	P. Mazzola
A. Hughes	B. Willman	P. Cusuamano	E. Zemen
R. Laro	B. Keese	E. Anderson	A. Frankenberger
M. Pappas	K. Keese	B. Kieran	B. Frankenberger
J. Leber		O. Jacobs	

LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR April 27th & 28th, 2019

Saturday, April 27, 2019	Sunday, April 28, 2019	Sunday, April 28, 2019	Sunday, April 28, 2019
5:00PM MASS	8:00 AM MASS	10:00AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
P. Suski	G. Fitzpatrick	C. Burke	A. Dinnegan
B. Tobin	C. Czujko	J. Contrino	G. Law

Preparing for Next Sunday

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"Peace Be With You"

This Week's Readings at Mass

- Acts 5:12-16 Signs and wonders
- ► Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 First vision
- ► John 20:19-31 Appearance to the disciples; Thomas

So many times in Scripture when an angel or Jesus approach a person or a group with a task, we are told that they are afraid or are living in fear, as the disciples were in this reading. For example, it happened to Isaiah when an angel asked him to be a prophet. It happened to Mary when the angel Gabriel asked her to bear Jesus. It happened to Peter when Jesus asked him to follow and be a fisherman of people. Whether it is an angel or Jesus appearing, each begins their address with words of reassurance: "Do not be afraid," or in this case, "Peace be with you."

The ones being visited aren't shamed or reprimanded for being afraid. Only after their fear is acknowledged are they given their task. For the disciples who are still hiding out in fear for their lives, Jesus sends them to do exactly what they are afraid to do—leave their hiding place, go public, and do what God sent Jesus to do.

Maybe they are still afraid. Maybe their voices shake a bit when they first begin to proclaim Jesus' message. Maybe they don't feel worthy to still be a follower of Jesus. Maybe they doubt their ability to bring hope and healing to those who need it, but they still go. The first reading from the Acts of Apostles tells us some of what the apostles were able to ac-

complish once they left that locked room. They cured sick people and cast out demons, just SEE? THE SPIRIT OF GOD
PASSES AMONG US. THE LORD
BREATHED ON HIS DISCIPLES
AND THEY RECEIVED THE
HOLY SPIRIT...

So I BREATHE
ON YOU...

So now
You know
why we have
the laying on
of hands...

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

Sheepish Question:
Through which senses have I experienced the
Holy Spirit this week?

as Jesus had promised them they would. To do that, they had to move way out of their comfort zone, but remembering Jesus' words "Peace be with you" helped them to do it.

Questions of the Week

When have you had an experience of being called to do something that scared you? What helped you to do it?

Is there an area of your life now in which God is inviting you to be more courageous and trusting?



Spiritual Reflection by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

And All Manner of Being Shall be Well

We are all, I suspect, familiar with the famous expression from Julian of Norwich, now an axiom in our language. She once famously wrote: In the end all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of being shall be well. To which Oscar Wilde is reported to have added: "And if it isn't well, then it's still not the end"

Few words better express what we celebrate in the resurrection of Jesus. Belief in the resurrection, belief that God raised Jesus from the dead, constitutes the very ground of our Christian faith. Everything else we believe in as Christians is grounded on that truth and, as St. Paul says, if that isn't true, if Jesus wasn't raised from the dead, we are the most deluded of all people. But if God did raise Jesus, and we believe that he did, then not only can the rest of Jesus' message be trusted, we can then live with the ultimate consolation that the end of our story has already been written and it is a happy, ecstatic ending. We will in the end, live happily ever after. Life is indeed a fairy tale.

How does the resurrection of Jesus guarantee that? Here's how Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, that wonderful scientist and mystic from the previous generation, answered. Once, having just made a presentation within which he presented a vision of how the cosmos and all of life will come together in one final harmony inside the Cosmic Christ at the end of time, he was challenged by a skeptic to this effect: "That's a lot of wishful thinking and optimism. But suppose we blow up the world with a nuclear bomb, what happens to your wishful thinking then?" Teilhard's answer wonderfully distinguishes genuine Christian hope both from wishful thinking and natural optimism, even as it affirms what the resurrection of Jesus guarantees. He responded in words to this effect: "If we blow up the world with a nuclear bomb, well that would be a two-million-year setback. But what I'm proposing will happen, not because I wish it so or have empirical evidence to warrant it. It will happen because Christ promised it, and in the resurrection, God showed that God has the power to deliver on that promise."

What we believe in as Christians is not based on wishful thinking or natural optimism, it's based on the word and promises of Jesus and the trustworthiness of that word and those promises is guaranteed by the resurrection of Jesus. When we believe this, we can live our lives without undue anxiety about anything, confident that the end of our story is already written and that it's a happy ending.

If we believe that God raised Jesus from the dead, if we believe in the resurrection, then, in essence, we believe that the world is already saved. We don't have to save the world; we only have to live in face of the fact that we believe it has already been saved. And if we live in face of that belief we can risk everything, risk our very lives, knowing that our ending of our story has already been written and that it's a happy one, no matter how dire things might look at present.

We see a wonderful example of this kind of belief in Archbishop Desmond Tutu, one of the key figures in opposing and eventually bringing down apartheid in South Africa. At the heart of the struggle to bring down apartheid, facing every kind of threat, he remained steadfast and even joyful in face of threats and overwhelming odds. What anchored him in his steadiness and joy? Belief in the resurrection of Jesus.

Occasionally on a Sunday morning when he would be preaching, armed soldiers would come into the church and line-up along the isles with their weapons in hand, hoping to intimidate him. Tutu, for his part, would smile at them and say: "I am glad you've come to join the winning side! We've already won!" In saying this, he wasn't talking about the battle over apartheid which, at that point, was still far from won. He was talking about the resurrection of Jesus, the definitive triumph of goodness over evil, which assures that, in the end, goodness will eventually triumph over evil, love over division, justice over injustice, and life over death.

Knowing that, we can live life in confidence and hope. It will end well, not because we wish it so or because things are looking that way for us. It will end well because Jesus promised it would and in the resurrection, God backs up that promise.

Hence there's nothing to fear, nothing – not defeat, not threat, not loss, not sickness, not even death. The resurrection of Jesus assures us that in the end all shall be well, and all shall be well, and every manner of being shall be well; and if it isn't well ... well, then it's still not the end!



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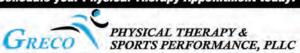
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