



The Parish of Saints Philip and James
1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

631-584-5454

February 17, 2019

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time



 St Luke's
Catholic Church

The Beatitudes

"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.

Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.

Luke 6:20-26

"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

Sunday ~ Closed

Monday: 9am-8pm

Parish Center office Hours

Tuesday & Wednesday: 9am-8pm

Thursday: 9am-5pm

Friday: Closed

Saturday: 10am-2pm

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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.

RCIA— 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 gospel we hear Luke's version of the Beatitudes. With the other readings, they echo our need to trust and hope in God. Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP, reflects:

There are Beatitudes for us today in the Jeremiah, Psalm and Luke readings. They declare blessed those whose lives are focused on God and who live dependent and trusting in God. Jeremiah puts it succinctly: if we rely solely on our human strengths and self-sufficiency, we will only have misery. We will be, the prophet warns, like plants in the desert struggling to survive. These plants live, but what's the value of their lives?... In contrast to the withered plant in the desert, those who acknowledge their limitations and turn in trust to God, will flourish. They will be like, "a tree planted near running water.... There is a choice offered us by the prophet Jeremiah and the Psalm response: will we choose drought, or abundant waters – trust in ourselves, or in God?

Last week I spoke of the Catholic Ministries Appeal at both the 10:00am and 12:00 masses. Thank you for your kind response. This week I will do same at 5:00 and 8:00am masses. I ask us all to prayerfully consider how we, as church can respond to the gospel call to attend to the needs around and within us.

To help make more concrete how the CMA monies are used, I came across this:

-.22 of every dollar supports Catholic Charities who are the heart and hands of the parishes and the diocese providing programs and facilities that feed the hungry, guide the addicted, shelter the homeless and bring hope to those most in need helping them discover real solutions to the challenges of life.

-.20 of every dollar supports education ~ the religious education of our young children and the Catholic Education of so many. We all realize that our children will only come to believe when the faith is passed on from one generation to the next.

-Another \$.20 supports Pastoral Outreach to people in need in local parishes through the efforts of Parish Social Ministry workers and volunteers.

-.18 of each dollar supports formation programs like the formation of our priests and deacons in the seminary, the spiritual formation of our pastoral ministers and of parishioners involved in parish ministry.

-And the last \$.20 of each dollar supports the parish through the rebate that comes back to the parish when we reach our goal.

As you know, we plan to use our rebate to help defray the costs of the required sound system upgrades in our church. So, again, I ask for your prayerful consideration. All pledges and donations are gratefully received. Please help us to reach our goal by Easter.

Time is running out to get your tickets for our Magic of Ireland dinner celebration. It's great to hear the excitement and enthusiasm to party together and rejoice in one another! This event promises to be a "top of the evening" time!

And, (apologizing in advance),

Want to hear a pizza joke.... nah, it's too cheesy.

What about a construction joke? Oh never mind, I'm still working on that one.

Did you hear the one about the rope? Skip it.

Peace,

Father Tom

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

Music Ministry

As I thought about what to write this weekend I went through the readings again and along with the beatitudes two words stuck out.

Trust and hope in the Lord. The songs we are singing this weekend reflect these words.

Gathering - ***All are Welcome***, built of *hopes and Dreams and visions*.

Presentation – ***Whatever you Do***, helping those in need

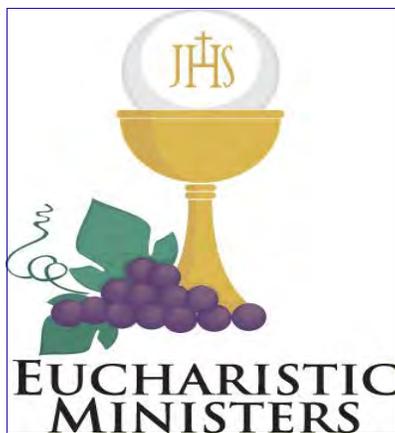
Communion – ***Gift of finest wheat***, nourishes us with heavenly food, which fortifies for the week ahead.

Sending Forth- ***Take the Word of God with you***, to spread God's word, peace, joy and love throughout this week.

Luke's version of the Beatitudes is known as the Sermon on the Plains and concludes next weekend where we will sing, as the sending forth , We are the Light of the World. We are called to discipleship and **trust** as to what is required and expected of us as followers of Jesus.

How wonderful Music is that it can help us realize how magnificent God is and by singing we pray twice.

Let us go forth this week with hope and trust in the Lord.



To Our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion,

Thanking you for sharing your time and gifts as we gather to celebrate Mass.

Please remember to sign in for your scheduled service on the sheets located in the prayer room.

IF YOU ARE FILLING IN FOR A VACANCY OR FOR A REQUESTED SUBSTITUTE, PLEASE SIGN THE BOOK AS WELL.

Thank you for your generosity of time and faith.

Its that time of year again...Tax Season

If you require a letter confirming your 2018 contributions to the Parish, kindly contact the Parish center office at 631-584-5454 or Email sspj.org Subject line: 2018 Contribution letter





DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

February 11, 2019
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you...” (Jeremiah 1:5)

At the very heart of our beliefs about who we are and why we exist, is a message of love. God creates us out of love. Out of love, He redeems us by the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus. He calls us to an eternal destiny with Him because He loves each sacred human life, created in His image.

That we are created in God’s image is reaffirmed in our nation’s Declaration of Independence, reminding us that we “are endowed by [our] Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are **Life**, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” The **right to life** is the foundation and starting point for every other God-given human right. When that right is attacked or denied, all other rights and liberties begin to crumble.

You are probably aware that on January 22, 2019, the 46th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* (the Supreme Court decision that declared an absolute constitutional right to abortion), Governor Andrew Cuomo of New York signed into law the “Reproductive Health Act”, which he himself called “the most aggressive” abortion law in the country. It was then “celebrated” by his lighting up One World Trade Center and the Alfred E. Smith Building in Albany.

It is our obligation as citizens and as Catholics, to be well informed and to make our voices heard in the public square when evil and injustice threaten the sacred gift of life at any stage.

On a human level, this gruesome law should be appalling to people of every faith, or no faith. The Reproductive Health Act allows for abortion on demand with no restrictions throughout all of pregnancy. *This means that as a choice, an abortion could be performed on a full-term infant as the mother is going into labor.*

This law might also open the door to taking away conscience protections from medical personnel, and could be used to force doctors, nurses and other medical staff to perform or to assist in abortions. Governor Cuomo claims that he is protecting women’s rights, when in fact, this law endangers the lives of women by allowing non-physicians to perform abortions, and it removes any objective standard of care due to the patient.

The Act has also removed criminal penalties when an unborn child is deliberately targeted for death in a crime. Two and a half weeks after the bill became law, the Queens District Attorney said he could not prosecute a man for the stabbing death of his unborn child in the womb of his girlfriend, because of the passage of the Reproductive Health Act.

Unimaginably, the law also repeals protections for infants who are accidentally born alive during the course of a failed abortion. This amounts to infanticide, the killing either by direct

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means or by neglect of an infant who is alive outside the womb. The law is silent on reducing the pain and suffering of infants, especially those being aborted late term.

Brothers and sisters, this law is an abomination that cries out to Heaven for justice. We cannot be silent in the face of such a blatant attack on the most vulnerable among us. I invite you to do several things:

1. **Stay informed and educated** regarding these issues and the battles ahead of us, such as assisted suicide and legalized surrogacy. Two outstanding resources available to you are:
 - The New York State Catholic Conference on the web at <https://www.nyscatholic.org>.
 - The Diocese of Rockville Centre Respect Life Office and web page: (516) 678-5800 Extension 381 or on the web at <https://respectlife.drvc.org>
2. **Get involved.** Both web pages listed above offer easy links to contacting your elected representatives. Let the Governor and our other elected officials know that this Act violates the dignity of the human person and that you do not support it.

Get involved in the efforts already underway at your parish, such as Respect Life Committees. In addition, our Diocesan Respect Life Office can direct you to ways that you can support and promote the sanctity of life locally, on Long Island.

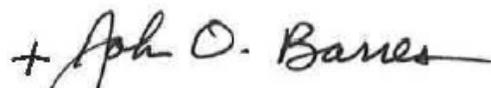
3. **Pray.** Pray the Holy Rosary. Ask the intercession of Our Blessed Mother Mary, Protector of Mothers, Defender of Life and the Family, to strengthen us so that we may be compassionate, courageous witnesses to the truth. Ask also for the intercession of Saint Thomas More, patron of statesmen, politicians, lawyers and judges, who lost his life for refusing to renounce his conscience and give in to the tides of political power and privilege.

Pray for our elected officials and for all people and pray that our politicians come to understand their profound obligation to defend the most defenseless among us. Any Catholic who actively supports an attack on the sacredness of life, chooses to place him or herself in grave moral danger and outside of the Communion of the Church. We pray for their souls, for a spirit of repentance, for a return to the truth of the love of God. It is God's love that formed each one of us in our Mother's womb.

A civilization that not only will not protect, but actually celebrates an attack on its most vulnerable members is morally bankrupt and stands on the verge of collapse. We pray for the courage of the martyrs, that an awakened spirit of evangelization and voices raised together will move hearts and minds, and call us back to our God-given senses, to the God who made us, who loves us, and who offers us our eternal destiny in love.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

Sincerely in Christ,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

February 24, 2019 • 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year C

"Do Unto Others..." Tough Teachings

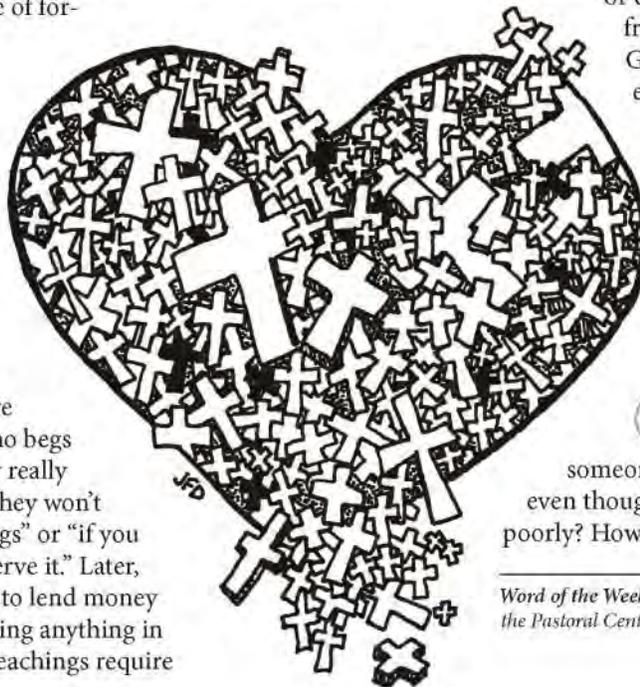
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 - Saul's life spared
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 - The natural and the spiritual body
- ▶ Luke 6:27-38 - Love of enemies

The Gospel passage today is a long one, and it is packed full of instructions for those who want to live like Jesus. We can group the teachings here into several categories: how to treat enemies or those who provoke you, how to respond to those who ask things of you, and how to relate to others with whom you disagree or disapprove.

Some people may be fortunate enough to be in a place in life where they don't feel that they have enemies. Jesus' teaching to "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you... pray for those who abuse you" might seem like a non-issue. Perhaps these lucky ones can bring greater love into the world by spending effort and energy on loving, blessing, and praying for the "enemies" of those in their families, churches, or nation who have been hurt but haven't come to a place of forgiveness yet.

Jesus' words about giving to those who ask something of us calls for a disciplined generosity. Notice that he doesn't say "give to everyone who begs of you—if they really need it" or "if they won't waste it on drugs" or "if you think they deserve it." Later, he instructs us to lend money without expecting anything in return. These teachings require



a stance of openness, generosity, non-judgment, and trust that God will work with our giving even if we can't see how.

Finally, several verses focus on how to relate to those we encounter. Jesus says we should not judge or condemn; we should forgive and give freely. It is another way of teaching the Golden Rule, with the promise that eventually "what goes around comes around."

Questions of the Week

- 1 What line in the Gospel reading challenges you the most on a personal level?
- 2 When have you enacted the Golden Rule, stretching to treat someone as you would want to be treated, even though your instinct was to treat them poorly? How did the situation turn out?

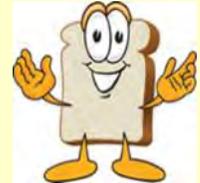
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PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY GANG SUNDAYS

“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- February 24, 2019

Time?

11:15 to 12:30 (Check in at 11:00,after 10:00 am Mass)

Where?

Auditorium



Who?

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

****Volunteers are asked to bring four loaves of WHOLE WHEAT bread, one jar of jelly and two jars of smooth 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!!

2019 SSPJ GOAL ~ \$119,700.00

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19** CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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

When someone is fed, receives guidance or is helped to break the chains of addiction – your support has helped in that care.

Mark was smoking crack, using heroin and any other drugs he could get his hands on. He had reached rock bottom and knew he had to get help.

“I was running from life – running from my responsibilities – I was running from just about everything. I had become a person I didn’t even know. I begged God for help.”



With nowhere else to turn, Mark called Catholic Charities’ Talbot House.

“I could no longer be that person I had become. I could no longer go down the path that I was going. I would have killed myself if it wasn’t for Talbot House.”

Today, Mark is clean, in school and reunited with his family. He also volunteers at Talbot House to help others find the path to recovery.

“Talbot House means hope. I’m living a life today that I don’t deserve, but I am enjoying it. I have God in my life. I am blessed, grateful and happy!”

Please consider donating to the Appeal and a difference in someone’s life. Thank you!

Make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish _____ Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____ Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

To make a donation, you can also visit **CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org**
or call us at **516-678-5800 ext. 296**
Thank You!

Take a Chance on
The Pot O' Gold Raffle

First Prize ~ \$5,000.

2nd Prize ~ 4 Yankee tickets~ (Donated by Corporate Transfer & Storage ~ The Verderber Family)

3rd Prize ~ Dinner for 4 ~ The Irish Coffee Pub (\$200.00 value)

Ticket Cost: \$10.00 each or 6 for \$50.00

Winner need not be present to win. ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT STS. PHILIP & JAMES CHURCH

Religious Education Ministry : For Week of February 17th, 2019

No Religious Ed Classes for the
Week of February 17th
Enjoy your vacation week!
Classes resume the week
Of February 25th.

First grade lessons With
"Miss Charlotte"

*Tuesday February 26th from
4:30-5:30pm in the Bethany Center
Or,*

*Wednesday, February 27th from
4:30-5:30pm in the Bethany Center
Families are asked to attend the class
date they were assigned to.*



*Prayer of the Month for February, 2019
"Grace before Meals"*

Bless Us,
O Lord,
AND THESE THY GIFTS,
**which we are
about to receive
FROM THY BOUNTY,
through Christ, our Lord.**
Amen.



February 17th, 2019 DUE: February 23rd or 24th
 Welcome to the Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time
 If you did not attend Children's Liturgy of the Word 2/17



My Name Is: _____

I Am In Grade: _____

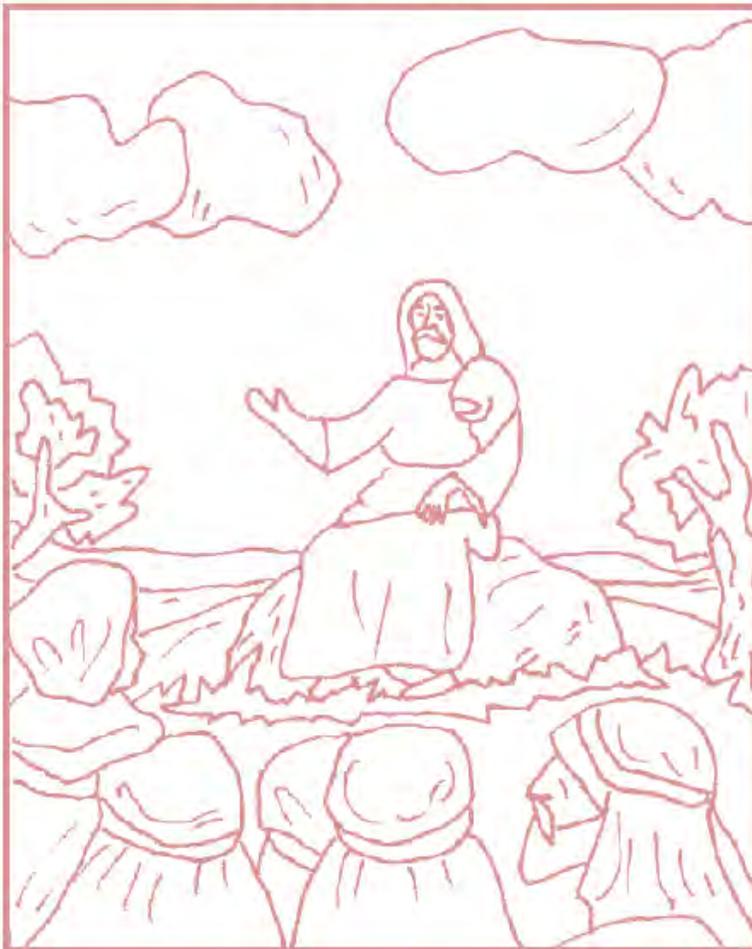
My Catechist "Teacher's" Name Is: _____

"Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26

"Jesus teaches the crowd the way to happiness"

The Sermon on the Plain

Luke 6: 17-26 *Please Color*



In today's Gospel reading we learn that true happiness isn't always found in just getting "things" or just caring about only yourself.

Instead today's Gospel teaches us that having FAITH IN GOD and CARING FOR OTHERS help us build to find TRUE HAPPINESS THAT WILL LAST.

Jesus reminds us that having lots of

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Won't make us happy.

Do you believe that?

How can you share Jesus' peace when you are playing with others?

We Pray:

Dear Father, help us to realize that we can never find happiness in the things that this world has to offer. You alone are the source of true happiness. Amen



FEBRUARY 17th, 2019

DUE FEBRUARY 24TH, 2019

Welcome to the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Luke 6:17,20-26

"Jesus teaches the crowd the way to happiness"



My Name IS: _____

I AM IN GRADE: _____

MY TEACHERS NAME IS: _____

In todays Gospel, Who does Jesus describe as being
Blessed and Happy?

*In todays Gospel reading we learn that true hap-
piness isn't always found in just getting "things"
or just caring about only yourself.*

*Instead todays Gospel teaches us that having
FAITH IN GOD and CARING FOR OTHERS help us
build to find TRUE HAPPINESS THAT WILL LAST*

Please Fill In the remaining verse:

Use todays

Gospel as your guide.

Blessed are you who are poor,

Blessed are you who are now hungry,

Blessed are you who are now weeping,

Together with your family, pray this Prayer of St. Francis

Prayer of St. Francis

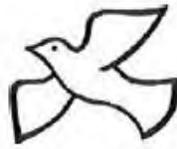
Lord, make me an
instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning
that we are
pardoned;
it is in dying
that we are
born again
to eternal life.





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SUNDAY MASS REFLECTIONS
 Confirmation I & II (Grades 7 & 8)

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Name of Teacher/Catechist: _____

*The **SIXTH SUNDAY** in **ORDINARY TIME**, February 16th / 17th, 2019*

PLACE COMPLETED PAPER IN THE "APOSTLE OF HOPE BASKET" AT MASS NEXT WEEKEND (Feb 23/24)



The Sermon on the Plain

In today's Gospel, Luke intended to show Jesus' teachings as **the beginning of a new order**, not just an expansion of the *Torah* as Matthew did. For Luke, Jesus' teaching were a challenge to conventional wisdom. He **curse**s what society often values most- wealth, sercurity, pleasure and social approval- and **blesses** that which society most often fears and ignores- poverty, hunger , sadness and oppression.

Reflection

1. Have you ever experienced hatred or exclusion because you tried to do or say the right thing? How were you affected?

2. What do you think Jesus would say about pursuing financial success? Is it Christian to do so?

The Magic of Ireland ~ Saturday, March 2nd, 2019

Thank you to Our Sponsors:

ST. PATRICK SPONSOR'S ~ \$1,000.



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Mary Maroney Linder and Valerie Scally Linder
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*In thanks for "Grandpa Angel"
Margaret & Tim Adams
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Wehman
Larry & Patty Ayers*

Tickets are ... *Selling FAST!! Early Bird Offer Ends Monday February 18th!*

All are invited to join our Parish and School Community

The Magic of Ireland ~ Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 2, 2019

Celebration begins with the 5:00pm mass

Enjoy Live Music by the renowned "Cara Band"

Early Bird Special Until February 18th

Two tickets and a Book of Pot O' Gold Raffle tickets for \$100.00 (\$120 VALUE)

All Reservations and Money are due by February 18th

THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

Your Ticket includes dinner, beer, soda, dessert & coffee at \$35. per person

You are invited to BYOB and appetizers

Tickets available after all masses during the month of February

**If You are planning on attending this event, and haven't already done so:
PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR TICKET REQUEST FORM AND PAYMENT TO
THE EVENT COMMITTEE ASAP!**

The Magic of Ireland ~ Ticket Request Form

#Tickets: _____ At \$35.00/per person Total Enclosed: _____

Guest Names: _____

Contact #: _____

If you have any questions, kindly contact Clare Farrell at: clarefarrellnp@yahoo.com

PLEASE RETURN TICKET ORDER FORM WITH PAYMENT TO THE PARISH CENTER OFFICE :

*If you are interested in reserving a table for 8-10 people, kindly remit this form with
guest names along with full payment. ~ Thank you very much*

Guest Name(s): _____

Catholic Schools week was a great success!

From our 8th grade pinning to Zumba to Battle of the Pizzas, everyone had a great time!

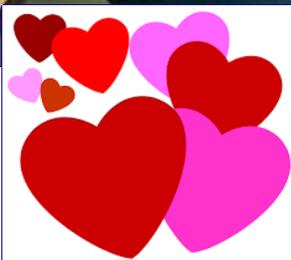
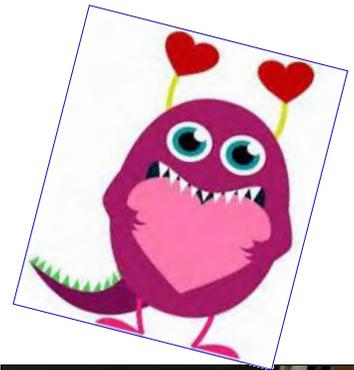
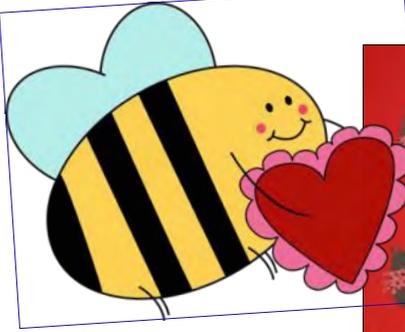
May God's abundant blessings fill SSPJ School with Joy!



February News for Nursery

Nursery is so excited for Valentine's Day! We made ladybugs for our bulletin board because our class is full of God's little love bugs!

This month, we have been discussing God's love for us. No matter how big or small, God loves us all! Lastly, we are learning about Mary's love for us and how she helps us love her Son, Jesus. There is a lot of love to go around in Nursery this month!



Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry once again held a great Acoustic Lounge (formally known as “The Coffee House”) on January 25th. The music filled night consisted of talented vocalist, bands, guitarists and even a cellist. God has blessed SSPJ with so many talented young people.



Basic Adult Formation Classes with “Professor Patrick Osei-Poku”

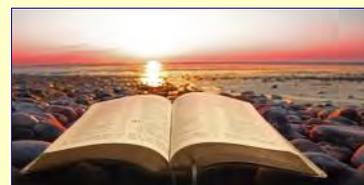


The First Unit of the Basic Adult Formation Course, THE OLD TESTAMENT graciously taught by Father Patrick has concluded.

The next Session:
The New Testament, will begin in
March, 2019:

To be held on Tuesday,
March 5, 12, 21, 28 and April 4th,
in the Sts. Philip & James Room.

If you are interested in participating in
the next session, kindly contact the
Parish Center at
631-584-5454.



SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of February 17th, 2019

Sunday, February 17th, 2019:

8:00am	Pot of Gold Raffle Sale	School Lobby
8:30am	RCIA	Cantina
10:00am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Auditorium
11:00am	Stained Glass Meeting	Stained Glass Wkshop
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room

Monday, February 18th, 2019:

****No Activities Scheduled In Observance of Presidents Day****

Tuesday, February 19th, 2019:

1:30pm	Spirit of Love Prayer Group	Prayer Room Church
4:45PM	Third Grade Reconciliation	Church
7:00pm	Catholic Daughters Meeting	Auditorium

Wednesday, February 20th, 2019:

7:00pm	Youth Ministry	Bethany Center
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Thursday, February 21st, 2019

2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
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Friday, February 22nd, 2019:

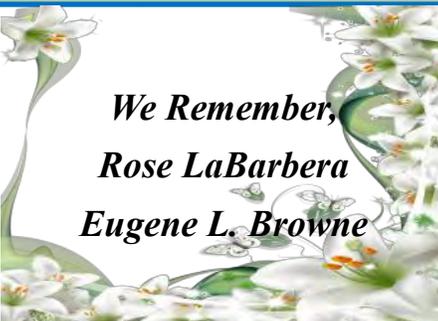
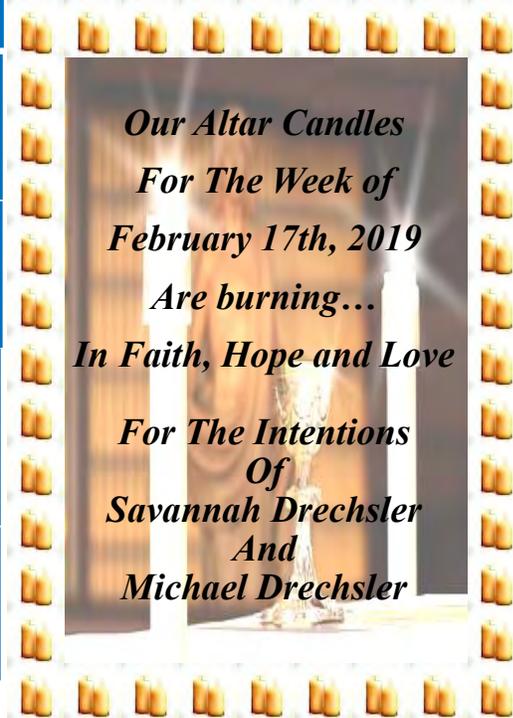
3:00pm	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Workshop
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room
8:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church

Saturday, February 23rd, 2019:

5:00pm	Children's Liturgy	Auditorium
5:00pm	Pot of Gold Raffle Sale	School Lobby

Sunday, February 24th, 2019:

8:00am	Pot of Gold Raffle Sale	School Lobby
8:30am	RCIA	Cantina
10:00am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Church
11:00am	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Wkshp
11:00am	PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY GANG	Auditorium
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room



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 To
 Nicole Megale ~ St. Boniface
First
 Anthony Cipolla ~ St James,
 Seaford
 To
 Theresa Dowling ~ SSPJ

Mass Intentions, For the week of February 17th, 2019

Saturday, February 16th, 2019

5:00pm Margaret & Joseph Castiglie

Sunday, February 17th, 2019

8:00am For the Parishioners of SSPJ

10:00am Rudolf M. Bonitch

12:00Noon Collective Mass:

Fred Stoehr
John Francica
Peter Roache
Joseph Francis Lauto
Louis M. Donisi

Monday, February 18th, 2019

7:30am Brendin Logan
9:15am Adelaide Tschinkel

Tuesday, February 19th, 2019

7:30am Elizabeth Butera
9:15am John Muller

Wednesday, February 20th, 2019

7:30am John Maloney
9:15am Larry Kennedy

Thursday, February 21st, 2019~St. Peter Damian Bishop

7:30am Dr. Cedric Priebe
9:15am Collective Mass:
Angela Pirrozi
Yure Bakovich

Friday, February 22nd, 2019~The Chair of St. Peter Apostle

7:30am Patrick Coghlan
9:15am Mary Rogan

Saturday, February 23rd, 2019~St. Polycarp

9:15am William Sheridan
5:00pm Jerry Williams

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

Anna Capizzio
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Brett Dowling
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Bryan Van Colt
Camden Bailey
Carmela Massaro
Carole Hennessy
Catherine Burseind
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Christel DeBlasio
Christina Meringolo
Christopher Paul
Daisy Abruzzo
David Shankles
Dawn Kopel
Dolores Weisenreider
Dominic Pace
Dylan Lauro
Eileen Zink
Elinor Glasser
Eugene Krug
Florence Donahue
Frank Orlik
Frank DeFranco
Gerard Duffy
Ginny McAuley
Greg
Helen McDowell
Hillary Boehme
James Gietzen
James P. Klouda
Jane Prato
Jane Wigutow
Jeanine EspositoTansey
Jim Kelly
Joseph
Joseph Perconti
Joe Alberigo
John Capizzio
Jean McCue
John Harney
John Hernandez
Jordan Marvelli

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Kellie Sexton
Abbott R Morgan
Marie Clarke
Monica Ursillo
Kellie Sexton
Kathleen Newill
Marty Caltabiano
Joann Boccia
Zachary Esposito
-Tansey

Julianne
Joan Ward
Kathleen N.
Kathleen Corcoran
Kitty Cronin,
Krista Farley
Kylie Quigley
Joseph
Lance Mallamo
Laura Andrucki & family
Linda Sue
Livia Parrella
Louis Giordano
Mark Montesano
Marie DelCiello,
Marie Fabry
Mary McDonough
Michael LaVecchia
Michael Vasiento
Nancy Fornabia
Nicole Theresa
Nicole Devlin
Pam Brandon
Pasquale Santoro
Patricia Casey
Pat Corey
Patricia Fontana
Patricia Monetti
Patricia Thompson
Paulette Agoglia
Regina Powers
Richard Cembrale
Roe Hetterich
Russell Caiola
Robert & Madeline
Gaude
Robin Graham Denis
Rosemary Morgan
Sean Winters
Suzanne McCue
Terence Hobbes
Teresa Orlik
Thomas McKay
Thomasine Morrison
Tim Kelly
Tim Cavoaris
Terry Pace
Vivien Cordes

Sunday, February 24th, 2019

8:00am For the Parishioners of SSPJ
10:00am Suzanne Niesen
12:00Noon Collective Mass:
Patricia Henrich
Virginia Koop-3rd Birthday in Heaven



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PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR February 23rd & 24th, 2019

Saturday, February 23, 2019 5:00 PM	Sunday, February 24, 2019 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, February 24, 2019 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, February 24, 2019 12:00 MASS
Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Tom Haggerty
Deacon John	Deacon John	Deacon Ron	Deacon Ron

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE -FOR February 23rd & 24th, 2019

Saturday, February 23, 2019 5:00 PM	Sunday, February 24, 2019 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, February 24, 2019 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, February 24, 2019 12:00 NOON MASS
E. Kaleita	K. Consenz	J. Scott	M. McCreesh
P. Kaleita	J. Giacalone	L. Sisti	B. Chandler
A. Keenan	J. Harvey	J. Sweeney	D. LaVecchia
H. Keenan	P. Kanuika	J. Taфра	M. Lebrun
L. Taurassi	M. Kenney	M. Tangel	J. Linder
D. Toto	A. Mantia	M. Tully	M. Napoli
I. Arevalo	P. Martin	T. Boboris	T. Pace
A. Anderson	W. Ramos	T. Cafaro	A. Santo
B. Carey	K. Rapp	M. Dolce	M. Peykar
P. Agoglia	E. Sica	C. Donnelly	E. Sotomayer

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE -FOR February 23rd & 24th, 2019

Saturday, February 23, 2019 5:00PM MASS	Sunday, February 24, 2019 8:00AM MASS	Sunday, February 24, 2019 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, February 24, 2019 12:00 NOON MASS
A. Balocca	T. Dorrian	O. Jacobs	N. Hoonhout
M. Pappas	A. Willman	J. Prew	Sanchez-Rincon
B. Doran	B. Willman	E. Cheeseman	D. Sanchez-Rincon
C. Williams		N. Fazzini	A. Frankenberger
			B. Frankenberger

LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR February 23rd & 24th, 2019

Saturday, February 23, 2019 5:00PM MASS	Sunday, February 24, 2019 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, February 24, 2019 10:00AM MASS	Sunday, February 24, 2019 12:00 NOON MASS
M. Dreschler	E. Dobres	A. Kaiser	A. Latino
C. Lombardi	L. Halluska	J. Contrino	G. Hoonhout

CELIBACY – A PERSONAL APOLOGI

As a vowed, religious celibate I'm very conscious that today celibacy, whether lived out in a religious commitment or in other circumstances, is suspect, under siege, and is offering too little by way of a helpful apologia to its critics.

Do I believe in the value of consecrated celibacy? The only real answer I can give must come from my own life. What's my response to a culture that, for the most part, believes celibacy is both a naiveté and a dualism that stands against the goodness of sexuality, renders its adherents less than fully human, and lies at the root of the clerical sexual abuse crisis within the Roman Catholic Church? What might I say in its defense?

First, that celibacy isn't a basis for pedophilia? Virtually all empirical studies indicate that pedophilia is a diagnosis not linked to celibacy. But then let me acknowledge its downside: Celibacy is not the normal state for anyone. When God made the first man and woman, God said: "It is not good for the human being to be alone." That isn't just a statement about the constitutive place of community within our lives (though it is that); it's a clear reference to sexuality, its fundamental goodness, and its God-intended place in our lives. From that it flows that to be a celibate, particularly to choose to be one, comes fraught with real dangers. Celibacy can, and sometimes does, lead to an unhealthy sense of one's sexual and relational self and to a coldness that's often judgmental. It can too, understandably, lead to an unhealthy sexual preoccupation within the celibate and it provides access to certain forms of intimacy within which a dangerous betrayal of trust can occur. Less recognized, but a huge danger, is that it can be a vehicle for selfishness. Simply put, without the constrictive demands that come with marriage and child-raising there's the ever-present danger that a celibate can, unconsciously, arrange his life too much to suit his own needs.

Thus celibacy is not for everyone; indeed it's not for the many. It contains an inherent abnormality. Consecrated celibacy is not simply a different lifestyle. It's anomalous, in terms of the unique sacrifice it asks of you, where, like Abraham going up the mountain to sacrifice Isaac, you're asked to sacrifice what's most precious to you. As Thomas Merton, speaking of his own celibacy, once said: *The absence of woman is a fault in my chastity*. But, for the celibate as for Abraham, that can have a rich purpose and contain its own potential for generativity.

As well, I believe that consecrated celibacy, like music or religion, needs to be judged by its best expressions and not by its aberrations. Celibacy should not be judged by those who have not given it a wholesome expression but by the many wonderful women and men, saints of the past and present, who have given it a wholesome and generative expression. One could name numerous saints of the past or wonderfully healthy and generative persons from our own generation as examples where vowed celibacy has made for a wholesome, happy life that inspires others: Mother Teresa, Jean Vanier, Oscar Romero, Raymond E. Brown, and Helen Prejean, to name just a few. Personally, I know many very generative, vowed celibates whose wholesomeness I envy and who make celibacy credible – and attractive.

Like marriage, though in a different way, celibacy offers a rich potential for intimacy and generativity. As a vowed celibate I am grateful for a vocation which has brought me intimately into the world of so many people. When I left home at a young age to enter the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, I confess, I didn't want celibacy. Nobody should. I wanted to be a missionary and a priest and celibacy presented itself as the stumbling block. But once inside religious life, almost immediately, I loved the life, though not the celibacy part. Twice I delayed taking final vows, unsure about celibacy. Eventually I made the decision, a hard leap of trust, and took the vow for life. Full disclosure, celibacy has been for me singularly the hardest part of my more than fifty years in religious life ... but, but, at the same time, it has helped create a special kind of entry into the world and into others' lives that has wonderfully enriched my ministry.

The natural God-given desire for sexual intimacy, for exclusivity in affection, for the marriage bed, for children, for grandchildren, doesn't leave you, and it shouldn't. But celibacy has helped bring into my life a rich, consistent, deep intimacy. Reflecting on my celibate vocation, all I may legitimately feel is gratitude.

Celibacy isn't for everyone. It excludes you from the normal; it seems brutally unfair at times; it's fraught with dangers ranging from serious betrayal of trust to living a selfish life; and it's a fault in your very chastity – but, if lived out in fidelity, it can be wonderfully generative and does not exclude you from either real intimacy or real happiness.



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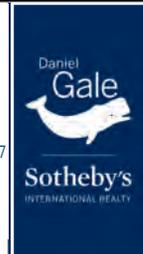


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