



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

October 20, 2019
Twenty-ninth Sunday
In Ordinary Time



"Pray always without becoming weary"
Luke 18: 1

*"With Philip & James we pray to live lives worthy of the call to be
Apostles of Hope"*

Daily Mass: 7:30am and 9:15 am
Saturday 5pm Sunday: 8am 10 am 12noon

STS. PHILIP & JAMES PASTORAL STAFF

Parish Center Phone: 631-584-5454 Parish Fax: 631-862-9675
Website—www.sspj.org

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Open Monday, Tuesday Wednesday 9am-8pm
Open Thursday 9am-5pm
Open Saturday 10am-2pm
Closed Friday and Sunday

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Stewardship, A Way of Life

*As we continue our journey, we share our "Time,
Talents and Treasures" with our family, friends, and
our parish community.*

*Thank you for your support of
Sts. Philip & James Parish*

Sacraments

Baptism— Celebrated twice per month. Parents are asked to register at the Pastoral Center for Pre-Baptism Program.

Marriage— Couples are asked to contact the Pastoral Center before visiting the reception hall. The Marriage Preparation process is nine months before your proposed wedding date.

Confirmation— Seventh and Eighth grade students are prepared to celebrate through Religious Ed or SSPJ School. Adults prepare through RCIA.

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

Anointing of the Sick— In case of serious, unexpected illness, please contact the Parish Center office to arrange for a Priest to pray with the person who is ill. Anointing of the Sick is held on the first Sunday of the month following the 12:00mass please see the Sacristan before mass.

R.C.I.A.— Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (non-Catholic adults desiring to become Catholic) are asked to contact the Parish Center Office.

Eucharistic Adoration In The Church— Thursday 2-4pm
Friday 8-9pm

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE FOR US IN YOUR PRAYERS



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Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:

Weekly Collection: Sunday, October 13th, 2019

Faith Direct:

\$ 11,728.

\$ 2,877.

\$21,000

Total Weekly Collection:

\$14,728.

Thank you for your stewardship and contributions to our Parish

Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

In today's gospel we're told to pray without becoming weary, persevering even when "results" don't seem to appear. This has never been easy, but seems particularly challenging in the times in which we live, so filled with fast food options, speedy internet connections, and often instant gratification. But some things never change, always deepening in essence over time. Like fine wine, good relationships need time to grow and deepen.

This is also true of our relationship with God. A key way of nurturing that relationship is prayer – all kinds of prayer – asking, thanking, praising, and most especially listening. Not recognizing "results" in your prayer? Keep at it. Nurture it. Like Moses in the first reading, don't give up. Seek support. Allow others to assist you. As Paul tells Timothy in the second reading, the sacred Scriptures are capable of giving you wisdom. Pray with them! God is present, and is with us for the long haul. And back to the gospel – like the persistent widow – never give up!

This Saturday at the 5:00 mass, we present our 8th grade students with the Creed. This prayer of states our faith beliefs. Sometimes when we pray a prayer so often, as we do with the Creed, it's very helpful to take some time to reflect on just what we are saying. One way of doing this is to take the statements proclaimed and turn them into questions. *Do you believe in God, the Father? Do you believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord?.... Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church, the Communion of Saints,....* Reflecting on these questions as they prepare for Confirmation will hopefully enable our 8th graders (and us) to respond with deeper faith and understanding, *Yes, I do believe!*

We are also delighted to welcome our first graders at the Sunday 10am mass. They have recently completed their church tours, learning much about many of the items in the church. This will help them as they prepare to receive First Communion next year.

A reminder to all those who serve us in liturgical ministries to set aside the morning of Saturday, November 9th, at 11am, for a morning of reflection with Fr. Kevin Cronin, OFM, in anticipation of a recommissioning service at all the Masses that weekend.

Our October 26th Italian feast is fast approaching! It promises to be an evening filled with surprises, great food, dancing and more. Tickets are going quickly. Why not get one and join in the fun!

And,

I can't do anything right with plants. I bought a Venus fly trap, and now it's a vegetarian.

I can't believe I got fired from the calendar factory. All I did was take a day off.

A minister kept a bottle of horseradish on his dining room table. He offered some to a guest, who took a big spoonful. When the guest finally was able to speak, he gasped "I've heard ministers preach hellfire, but you're the first one I've met who passed out a sample of it."

Peace,

Father Tom

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

SECOND COLLECTION:
This Sunday, October 20th
World Mission Sunday

When we are called to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, supporting mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need. As Catholics around the world, here at home and in the missions, gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, let us pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work and offer financial help through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

Attention All Aspiring Writers!
THE GABRIEL Staff is welcoming all
Parishioners to write about...

*~ Something significant that occurred
this past year OR:*

*~ Why Christmas 2019 will be so
special.*

Any questions, please contact:

Elena Atkins Mingione @
516 359 9264 (text)

Or email Peter Rooney at
peterroon@me.com

Submission is due:
Thursday, November 14th

LET US PRAY TOGETHER

Everyone is invited to pray the rosary and attend
Adoration for one hour
**Friday evening Oct. 25th in the main church
from 8PM to 9PM.**

It is the annual
Respect Life Diocesan Prayer Service for
all our pro life intentions.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN

The Respect Life committee will be holding
their annual
CHRISTMAS CARD SALE AND RAFFLE
AFTER ALL THE MASSES ON THE
WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 26th/27th.

Please look for our table in front of the church or
in the school lobby if inclement weather.

All proceeds go to support organizations who
work to protect life in all its stages!!

"Then he told them a parable about the necessity
for them to pray always without becoming weary."

On Sunday October 13th, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, Parishioners came together with members of other parishes to say the Rosary and sing with gratitude to Our Lady for her intercession. We honored her by singing and reciting the Rosary together with others across the nation. This beautiful Coast to Coast Rosary brought us together as the family of God. Thank you to all who attended and those who prayed with us but were unable to attend on this beautiful holy day weekend .
All are invited to join us to recite the rosary each weekday morning after the 7:30 mass or before and after the 9:15 mass Monday thru Saturday.
Adoration in our parish is available Thursday afternoon from 2 to 4PM and every Friday evening 8-9PM.



Ministry Gathering and Recommitment for all Liturgical Ministers

*On Saturday, November 9th, at 11:00am in the church,
our own
Fr. Kevin Cronin, OFM, will be conducting a Ministry
Gathering and Recommitment Service for all who
serve in our
Liturgical Ministries.*

*Father Kevin's theme will be KENOSIS, the Greek
word for "self-emptying" which is the very center of
the Mystery of Christ...and everyone who ministers in
His Holy Name, taken from Philippians 2:5-11.
Father Kevin should know something about this theme.
It is the title of his first book, and the aim of his life.*

*I prayerfully ask all in our Liturgical Ministries (EMs,
Lectors, Music, Sacristan, Usher, Baptism, Children's
Liturgy, Altar Servers) to join us on
Saturday, November 9th for this Ministry Gathering.*

*If any other member of the parish serving in other
ministries wishes to also attend, you are most
welcome.*



Being Catholic 101 (Catholicism for Dummies)

*Are you looking for an opportunity to renew your faith and
reacquaint yourself
with what we believe and do as Catholics?*

Has ritual become rote, going to Mass routine?

Do you say the words of the Creed automatically but not with understanding?



This year the RCIA team of Sts. Philip & James will be offering short refreshers on the Mass and the Faith on Sundays after the 8:00 AM Mass. In a half hour each week starting a few minutes after Mass ends, right here in the Church, they will cover the basic questions people have about the faith and explain what we believe about God, Jesus, salvation, the Mass and other topics. You don't have to come every week, and there won't be any quizzes or tests. But there will be topics that will pique your interest, and each session will get you to say, "Aha! So that is what that means, or that is why we do this!"

Anyone who wishes to complete their sacraments or become a catholic is also most welcomed. Any questions please feel free to call Sister Theresita at 631-684-5454 ext.214



The Diocese of Rockville Centre Golden Wedding Anniversary Liturgy Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

Sunday, November 3, 2019
2:00 p.m.

Maria Regina Roman Catholic Church in Seaford

- Please fill in the form below, have it signed by your pastor or someone designated by him and return to the address below.
- You will be mailed a letter confirming your registration and directions.
- There will be **reserved seating for the registered couples only**. Family and friends will be seated on a first come-first served basis.

Please mail completed form to : Debbie Ventura
Office of Faith Formation
PO Box 9023
Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023

Space is limited, registration will be accepted on a first come first served basis.
For questions, please call 516-678-5800, ext. 223

(cut here and return form below)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Mr. _____ First Name Mrs. _____ First Name _____ Last Name

_____ Address _____ Town _____ Zip Code

Wedding Date _____ mm/dd/yy Phone # _____ Area code + Number _____ Email _____

In order to seat those who require special assistance accordingly, please let us know if you or your spouse use a:
wheelchair _____ cane _____ walker _____

_____ Parish

_____ Town

_____ Pastor's Signature



Dear Friends:

As I approach my 30th anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on October 21, 2019, I would ask your prayers for a very special and specific intention for the future of the Catholic Church on Long Island.

Pray that 30 young men – 30 seminarians for 30 years of priesthood – will enter the seminary in August 2020.

Let's call on the Holy Spirit together to provide a rich harvest of vocations to the priesthood for Long Island!

And let's express our gratitude to the holy and dedicated priests who serve us with such Good Samaritan dedication each day in our evangelizing parishes.

Gratefully in Christ,

+ John O. Barres
Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS.....

The Sending forth this week will be Hail Holy Queen found in Today's missal # 32. Our next Mary hymn.

Rehearsal for Christmas is in full swing. However, there is still time to participate in the concert. Call the music office at 631-584-5454 for further information.

***** Save the date: Christmas Concert is Sunday December 15, 2019 at 6:30 pm***

A Perfect Gift

Read the full version at usccb.org/perfect-gift.

Soon after the birth of my son Charlie,* who has Down syndrome, a visitor asked whether he was "mild, moderate, or severe"—referring to his level of cognitive impairment. I was shocked. In my arms I held my beautiful baby boy, who defied easy categorization.

It's like looking at stained glass from the outside: the colors look dark, and you can't see the figures. But inside, with the sun shining through, the effect can be brilliant.

Clinical labels don't tell the whole story.

From inside our family, love illuminates our life with Charlie. What may seem dreary to others, perhaps even unbearable, is actually filled with beauty and color. Our love has nothing to do with his abilities. We love him simply because of who he is, and understanding this teaches us a fundamental truth: every life is a good and perfect gift.

*Name changed for privacy. This is a summary of a USCCB Respect Life Program article by the same name and is reprinted with permission. © 2018, USCCB, Washington, D.C. All rights reserved.

SATURDAY – OCTOBER 26, 2019

Sott'er celo de Roma

DINNER – DANCING – ENTERTAINMENT

la piazza della SSPJ (auditorium) 6 - 10 pm

Catering by ***Villa Sorrento***

Family Style Dinner at Each Table

Pasta – Chicken – Eggplant

Salad bowl and bread basket

Wine at each table – Red/White

Coffee and Dessert

BYOB if you choose



Sott'er celo de Roma ~ Dinner Ticket Request Form

Saturday – October 26, 2019 6 – 10 pm ~ **COST \$40 per person**

Tickets: _____ at \$40./per person Total enclosed: _____

Guest Names: _____

Contact Phone # _____

Alternate Cell # _____ Email _____

Tickets will NOT be sold at the door. Reservations need to be made in advance - prior to 10/20

If you have any question, kindly contact Virginia Portanova at:

[vportanova@sspj.org](mailto:vportanova:sspj.org) or at the parish center 631-584-5454

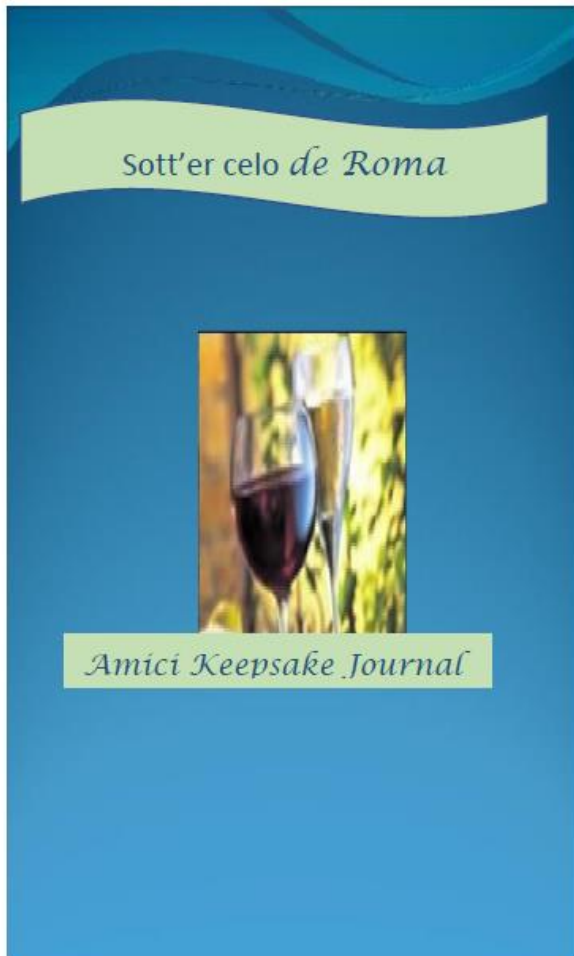
PLEASE RETURN TICKET ORDER FORM WITH PAYMENT TO THE PARISH CENTER OFFICE

Interested in reserving a full table (8-10 people), kindly remit this form with guest names and full payment

All **Sponsors** will be **acknowledged** in our
Amici Keepsake Journal

~ Sponsors ~ Recipes ~ Italian History and Influence on America ~

And **posted** in our **Bulletin**



La Famiglia (\$500) Sponsor

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Please return form and payment to the Parish Center Office. Thank you for your support!

La Famiglia Sponsor at \$500.

Amore Sponsor at \$250.

Amici Sponsor at \$100.

For additional information please contact ~ Virginia Portanova – vportanova@sspi.org or 631-584-5454

Opportunity is knocking, Will you OPEN your door?

On November 21-23, 4 of our Youth Leaders and myself will be attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis. Part of their task as future leaders of our Parish and Youth Ministry, is to work at learning how to use their time, talent, and treasure for the benefit of our Parish. Their trip to NCYC will afford them the opportunity to connect with over 20,000 Catholic youth. It will also give them the opportunity to learn from the presentations they will be able to attend.

As is the case most of the time, cost is always a challenge. This year we have decided to help raise the funds by asking Parish organizations as well as individuals, to help sponsor the trip. If there is any way you are able to help sponsor a youth leader or myself, please place your donation in an envelope marked Sister T- NCYC Also include your name and address. You may leave it at the office. Thanking you in advance for your generosity, every little bit helps.

Grateful in Jesus Name, Sister Theresita

Religious Education News



Confirmation

Confirmation II ~ 5th Grade Creed Mass

Saturday October 26th, 2019

5:00 Mass



2nd Grade Mass~ Communion II

Sunday, October 27th, 2019

10:00am Mass

**Calling all students in
Grades 4 and above...**

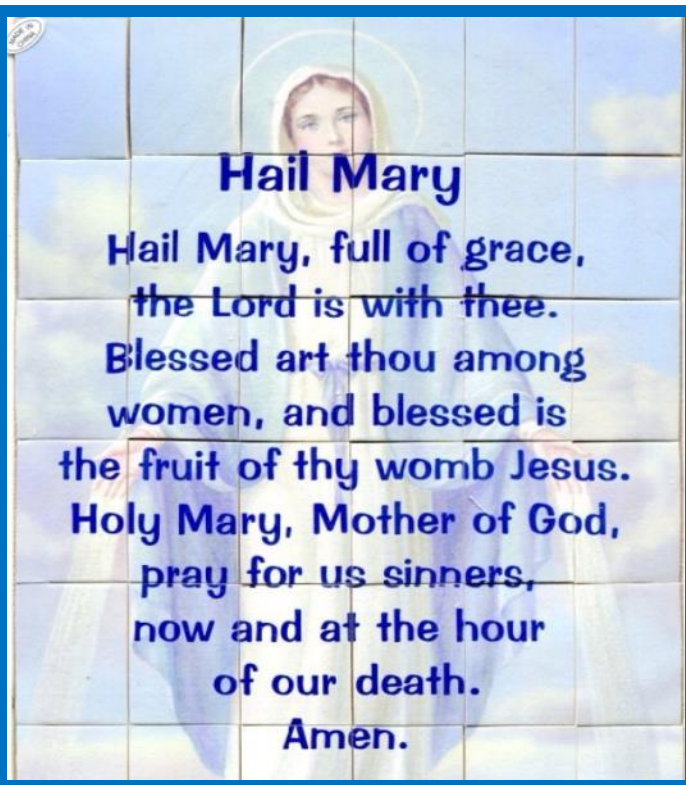


If you are interested in becoming in
serving in the Altar Server
Ministry, please contact
Brenda Osyguss-Prew
by either :

EMAIL: bmosyguss@hotmail.com
at OR TEXT: 201-240-6414

A training date will be held shortly.

Prayer of the month for October





SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION: For GRADES: 1, 2, & 3
THIS REFLECTION IS TO BE SHARED AT MASS ON:
SATURDAY, OR SUNDAY, October 26th or October 27th, 2019



October 20th, 2019
Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time
The Gospel of: Luke 18:1-8

My Name Is: _____

I Am In Grade: _____

My Catechist "Teacher's" Name Is: _____

Gospel Message:

*Jesus urges his followers to pray and to never lose heart, or become disappointed,
For God always hears and answers prayers.*

WE PRAY
TOGETHER!



What are some things you do everyday?

Are there times during the
day that you pray?

Jesus tells us to: (fill in the blanks)

P _ A _ AN _ _ E _ E R G _ V _ UP

My Weekly Prayer:

*Jesus, thank you for blessing me with all the things that I need. Help me to remember that I can pray to you every
second of every day. Amen*



SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION: For GRADES: 4,5 & 6
THIS REFLECTION IS TO BE SHARED AT MASS ON:
SATURDAY, October 26th OR SUNDAY, October 27th, 2019



Welcome to the 29th Sunday In Ordinary Time ~
October 20th, 2019

My Name Is: _____

I Am In Grade: _____

My Catechist Name Is: _____

Gospel Message: The Gospel of Luke 18:1-8

*Jesus urges his followers to pray and to never lose heart, or become disappointed,
For God always hears and answers prayers.*

Have you ever heard the word: Persistence?

*The word Persistence means to stick with
something even when it is difficult.*

Do you think that you are persistent?

Can you name a few things that you
are persistent at doing?

Could you be persistent in prayer?

How do you think you could become
persistent in praying?

Jesus tells us to: (fill in the blanks)

P _ A _ A N _ _ E _ E R G _ V _ U P

My Prayer for the week:

Dear Jesus,

Please hear our prayers, even those that are silently in our hearts, help us to remember to
always be persistent in praying for all our needs.

Thank you for hearing our prayers, Amen.





SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION: For GRADES: 7 & 8 Confirmation I & II
THIS REFLECTION IS TO BE SHARED AT MASS ON:
SATURDAY, October 26th OR SUNDAY, October 27th



Student's Name : _____

I Am In Grade: _____

My Catechist Name Is: _____

Welcome to the 29th Sunday In Ordinary Time ~

October 20th, 2019

Gospel Message: The Gospel of Luke 18:1-8

*Jesus urges his followers to pray and to never lose heart, or become disappointed,
For God always hears and answers prayers.*



In today's gospel Jesus teaches us to be persistent in prayer. What does that mean to you?

Are there times when you might be tempted to doubt the power of prayer? Such as when things don't go our way or when you feel God isn't listening to you.

Persistence in praying encourages us to be patient, so that we can learn God's will for us. SO:

PRAY AND NEVER GIVE UP

Pray....

Dear Jesus,

Please hear our prayers, even those that are silently in our hearts, help us to remember to always be persistent in praying for all our needs.

Thank you for hearing our prayers, Amen.

Parish Social Ministry

All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance

Saturday, November 2, 2019

at 11:00 am

At this Mass, we will remember, with love, in a special way,

Our dear ones whose funerals occurred between

September 1, 2018 and

August 31, 2019

We invite you to some hospitality immediately following
In the auditorium.

ALL ARE WELCOME



In his recent letter on creation Pope Francis states that too often “the human response to the gift of creation has been marked by sin, selfishness and a greedy desire to possess and exploit. Egoism and self-interest have turned creation, a place of encounter and sharing, into an arena of competition and conflict. In this way, the environment itself is endangered... Deterioration has increased in recent decades and we have caused a climate emergency that gravely threatens nature and life itself, including our own.

*31st Annual Mass For Deceased Children
St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre
Saturday, November 16, 2019
12:30 p.m.*

REGISTER ONLINE WWW.DRVC-FAITH.ORG

Our Food Pantry

Our Brothers and Sisters in need are greatly appreciative for the compassion and generosity of their SSPJ Parish Family who think of them...

We kindly are in need of the following items:

**Canned Pasta~
Spaghetti & Meatballs
Ravioli**

Small square boxes of tissues

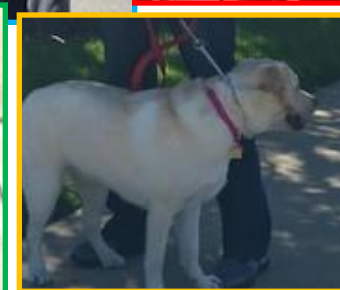
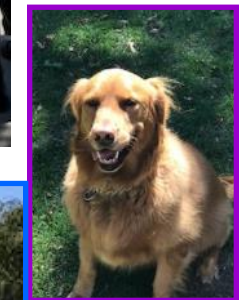
Bathroom tissue-toilet paper

We greatly appreciate your assistance.

We ask you to ...Please check expiration dates on the items being donated. This effort will assist the volunteers who stack the pantry with your donated goods. Thank you



Blessing of the Animals ~ October 5th, 2019 ~ We are family



SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of October 20th, 2019

Sunday, October 20th, 2019

8:30am RCIA Cantina
 10:00am REO First Grade Mass Church
 11:00am Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang Auditorium
 11:00am Stained Glass Club Stained Glass Wksp
 7:00pm AA Meeting Philip & James Room

Thursday, October 24th, 2019

2:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church
 6:45pm Handbells Church
 7:30pm Adult Choir Church

Monday, October 21st, 2019:

7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting Auditorium
 7:00pm Men's Forum Holy Hour Church
 8:00pm Men's Forum Bethany Center

Friday, October 25th, 2019:

4:00pm School Guild Trunk & Treat Parking Lot
 7:00pm AA Meeting Philip & James Room
 8:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church

Tuesday, October 22nd, 2019:

1:30pm Spirit of Prayer Ministry Meeting Church Prayer Rm
 4:00pm Children's Choir Church
 4:40pm DRVC Adult Formation Philip & James Rm
 7:30pm Chords of Faith Church

Saturday, October 26th, 2019

5:00pm REO 5th Grade Mass Church
 5:00pm Respect Life Christmas Card Sale School Lobby
 6:00pm A Night in Tuscany Auditorium

Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019:

10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry Philip & James Room
 7:00pm Youth Ministry Meeting Bethany Center

Sunday, October 27th, 2019:

8:30am RCIA Sessions SSPJ Room
 10:00am REO 2nd Grade Mass Church
 11:00am Stained Glass Club Stained Glass Wkshp
 7:00pm AA Meeting Sts. Philip & James Room

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 21, 2019

SPEAKER: Michael A. Hoonhout, Ph.D.,

Professor of Dogmatic Theology, Institution: St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, NY

TOPIC: "Reverence for God's Glory"

How great do you think God is? Do you consider God to be so glorious that you would be completely, eternally overwhelmed with awe were you to see Him? More importantly, what difference does the greatness of God make in your life right now? Do you regularly give Him proper praise, adoration, reverence, worship? In a culture that, if it is not denying His existence, is criticizing God for His shortcomings, the general idea of God is too base, common and abstract to have much appeal to our minds and hearts. In his talk Professor Hoonhout will explain what the Bible means by the glory and greatness of God, why and how we are to worship and praise Him, and why greater reverence for divine majesty is so much needed today. Your present notion of God is too small; come this Monday night to discover the height and depth, length and breadth of God's all-surpassing mystery.

Please note that our evening time schedule has changed, beginning one half-hour later than before.

NEW MEETING TIMES: Holy Hour: 7-8 PM, Main Church

Speaker's Presentation: 8-9 PM, Bethany Center (Old Church) • **Coffee & Cake Social:** 9-9:30 PM

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



Website: www.sspjmensforum.org

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Mass Intentions, For the week of October 20th, 2019

Saturday October 19th, 2019

5:00pm

Peter Byrne

Sunday, October 20th, 2019

8:00am For the Parishioners of SSPJ

10:00am Alphonse Sancimino

12:00Noon Collective Mass:

Reverend Robert Giuntini

James Ginty

Karen Dudek

Ginny Cummings

John F. Capizzio

Monday, October 21st, 2019

7:30am Frances Dell'Accio

9:15am Nellie Gulino

Tuesday, October 22nd, 2019~St. John Paul II, Pope

7:30am Victoria Scoparino

9:15am Frank Romanelli

Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019~St. John Capistrano

7:30am John Capizzio

9:15am Carol E. LoBianco

Thursday, October 24th, 2019~St. Anthony Mary Claret

7:30am Gerard J. Rogers

9:15am Collective Mass

Joan Ward

Friday, October 25th, 2019

7:30am James Horan

9:15am Norma Montalto

Saturday, October 26th, 2019

9:15am Joan A. Gasparik

5:00pm Albert Seeley

Sunday, October 27th, 2019

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

10:00am Patricia Klouda

12:00Noon Collective Mass:

Frank Costa

Ralph Duhning

Christine Rich

John Capizzio

Harley Pfeifer

The Pro Life Rose
For the week of
October 20th, 2019
Remembering a Woman
who embraced life...
Karen Majerski
"Friend of Joy~
Friend of the Heart"

"always pray,
 and never give up"
 -Luke 18:1

Prayer for Comfort

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless your friends who are sick. Give them the strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain.

Let them recover their health, so that, restored to the Christian community, they may joyfully praise your name, for you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen

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

Allison Ioli,
 Angela Amoroso
 Angelo Peluso
 Anthony A
 Antoinette Rotolo
 Anna Capizzio
 Baby Adeline
 Baby Kennedy
 Baby Mattia Rose Lubrano
 Brian R.
 Bob Keenan,
 Carole Hennessy
 Charles Morgan
 Donalea Donach & Peter
 Elinor Glasser
 Gwen Dilgen
 Helen McDowell
 Ian Dowling
 Jeanine Esposito-Tansey
 Joan Kranz
 J.C.
 Joann Boccia
 John Boland
 John Cuccia

Jon Kessel
 Joseph
 Julie Scott
 Karlyn Phillips,
 Kathleen N.,
 Kitty Cronin
 Maria Clark
 Marie Sabry,
 Marty Caltabiano
 Matthew
 Melissa C.
 Michael J. Forker
 Michael LaVecchia
 Pat I.
 Patricia Fontana
 Patrick McDonnell
 Patricia Monetti
 Paula Cote
 Peter McGreevy
 Robin Graham Denis,
 Tim Cavooris,
 Vicki Archdeacon-Gibb,
 Vivien Cordes ,
 Zachary Esposito-Tansey

SSPJ School News~Trunk or Treat Invitation

SSPJ Guild Presents the 4th Annual Trunk or Treat



Come celebrate the season and support SSPJ School!

This year in addition to trick or treating, there will also be:

- **Battle of the Classes: Scarecrow Contest** – come see the creative scarecrow creations from each of the classes!
 - **Jack O' Lantern Contest** – bring your already carved Jack O' Lantern for a chance to win a prize! To enter the contest, fill out the form below and send it in along with the \$3 contest entrance fee.
 - **Halloween Themed Raffle Basket**
 - An award for the **BEST TRUNK** at Trunk or Treat!
- For each raffle ticket you buy, you get an opportunity to vote for the best trunk!
- **Hot Chocolate & Sweet Treats** to purchase

WHEN: Friday, October 25, 2019 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

WHERE: SSPJ Back Parking Lot

Tickets to trunk or treat must be purchased by October 18th

- Tickets are **\$5** per Trunk-or-Treater

Fill out the form below to order tickets and sign up for our Jack O' Lantern Contest! Forms and CASH payments should be returned to the school office in an envelope marked "TRUNK OR TREAT, ATTN: Kathy Kwee"

Family Name: _____ E-mail/Cell _____

____ Our family would love to Trunk or Treat! Please send me ____ tickets @ \$5 each

____ We would like to enter a Jack O' Lantern in the Contest! We have enclosed an additional \$3 entry fee.

Return to the School Office "ATTN: Kathy Kwee RE: TRUNK OR TREAT."

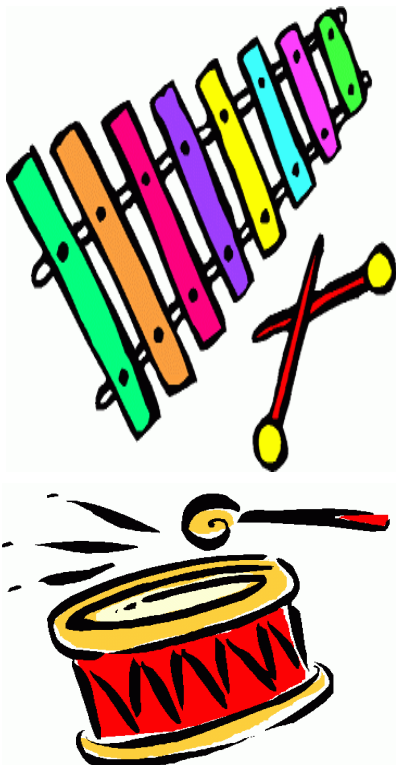
Tickets can be picked up at the time of the event along with a bracelet and SPECIAL TRICK OR TREAT BAG.

*** YOU MUST USE THE PROVIDED BAG TO PARTICIPATE!**

SSPJ School ~ First Grade News

What's that sound? First grade has been learning about all the different sounds we hear each and every day.

The students created their own handmade musical instruments which gave them the opportunity to hear the different pitches and volume the instrument can make.



Celebrating the Liturgy- With Grateful Hearts We Serve

PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR October 26th & 27th, 2019

Saturday, October 26, 2019 5:00pm	Sunday, October 27, 2019 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, October 27, 2019 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, October 27, 2019 12:00 MASS
Father Tom Haggerty	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Patrick Osei-Poku
Deacon John	Deacon John	Deacon Ron	Deacon Ron

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE -FOR October 26th & 27th, 2019

Saturday, October 26, 2019	Sunday, October 27, 2019	Sunday, October 27, 2019	Sunday, October 27, 2019
5:00PM	8:00 AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
A. Dunn	J. Harvey	C. Napolitano	M. Hoonhout
D. Doran	P. Kanuika	H. Orlando	M. Laub
C. Lombardi	M. Kenney	W. Rodriguez	B. Chandler
K. Consenz	P. Martin	P. Schfilliti	T. Laiz
G. Alfano	V. Portanova	J. Scott	M. Lebrun
I. Arevalo	W. Ramos	L. Sisti	J. Linder
R. Byrne	K.. Rapp	E. Sotomayer	M. Napoli
D. Coppola	E. Sica	J. Sweeney	T. Pace
D. Anderson	T. Sica	J. Taфра	A. Santo
P. Damato	W. Van Gostein	M. Tully	P. Agoglia

*We kindly ask all scheduled Ministers to arrive in the Prayer Room 15 minutes before mass begins, for prayer
Thank you*

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE -FOR October 26th & 27th, 2019

Saturday, October 26, 2019	Sunday, October 27, 2019	Sunday, October 27, 2019	Sunday, October 27, 2019
5:00PM MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
C. Nigro	E. Nicastro	E. Cheeseman	D. Sanchez-Rincon
S. Nigro	K. Nicastro	J. Hubert	R. Osorio
V. Scarpelli	C. Morbillo	S. Dearie	A. Frankenberger
E. Schor	G. Morbillo	J. Prew	B. Frankenberger

LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR October 26th & 27th, 2019

Saturday, October 26, 2019	Sunday, October 27, 2019	Sunday, October 27, 2019	Sunday, October 27, 2019
5:00PM MASS	8:00 AM MASS	10:00AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
E. Nicastro	B. Luna	J. Contrino	M. Cashman
8th Grade Student	E. Dobres	M. D'Amelia	A. Latino

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Confronting Arrogance

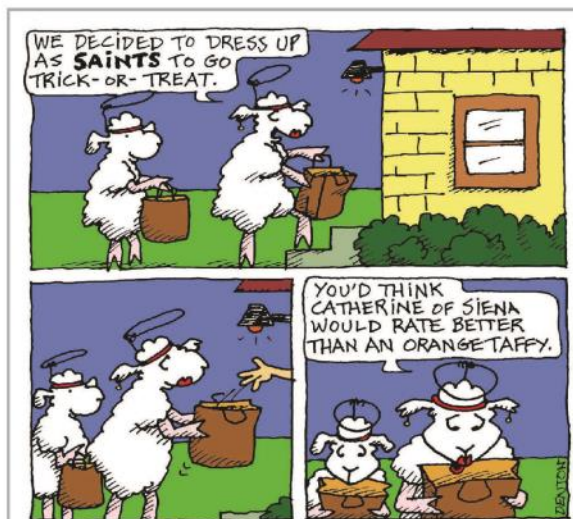
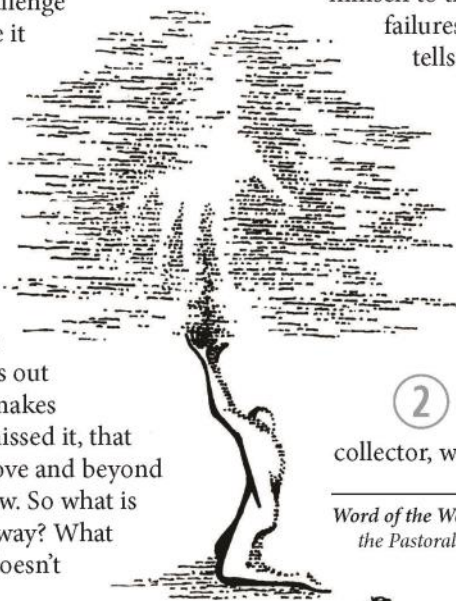
This Week's Readings at Mass

- Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 - The God of justice
- 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 - Reward for fidelity
- Luke 18:9-14 - The pharisee and the tax collector

After the Gospel passage last week in which Jesus reminded his disciples that God hears the cries of those who call out to him “day and night” (like the widow in the parable), the first reading today makes the same point. God hears the cry of the weak, the oppressed, and the vulnerable. However, Sirach insists God shows “no favorites” and is a God of justice. Jesus will drive that point home in the Gospel reading, once again reminding his hearers that human ways are not always God’s ways.

Immediately we know who Jesus’ audience is in this Gospel reading: “those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else,” usually identified as the scribes and Pharisees. As in other places in the Gospels, Jesus is not shy about confronting arrogance and judgmentalism when he sees it. He consistently speaks to people what they need to hear, building them up when they have been beaten down by life, and taking people down a peg when they need that. Last week, his words offered encouragement for his followers to persist when life is difficult. This week it is a challenge to those who think they have it all together and don’t need God’s mercy because they do everything right.

Ironically, the “prayer” of the Pharisee in this parable isn’t really even directed at God. He is speaking to himself and telling God how well he compares to the sinful tax collector he notices out of the corner of his eye. He makes sure to boast, lest God has missed it, that his fasting and tithing go above and beyond what is required by Jewish law. So what is the point of his “prayer” anyway? What does he want from God? It doesn’t



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“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Sheepish Question:

Without dressing myself up, how would I rate saint-wise?

seem he has any need *for* God or anything *from* God. He is so full of himself and his own accomplishments; there is no room left in him for God. He goes home without receiving any gifts from God—because he doesn’t think he needs any.

The tax collector, on the other hand, knows his life is a mess and knows he needs God’s mercy. His prayer is addressed straight to God, without comparing himself to the Pharisee nearby. He focuses on his own failures and asks for what he needs: mercy. Jesus tells us that he goes home having received the gift.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Which kind of message do you most need to hear from Jesus at this point in your life, encouragement or challenge? Or is there something else you need to hear more?
- 2 If you were to go to God in prayer today as honestly and humbly as the tax collector, what would you ask for?

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Grieving as a Spiritual Exercise

In a remarkable book, *The Inner Voice of Love*, written while he was in a deep emotional depression, Henri Nouwen shares these words: “The great challenge is living your wounds through instead of thinking them through. It is better to cry than to worry, better to feel your wounds deeply than to try to understand them, better to let them enter into your silence than to talk about them. The choice you face constantly is whether you are taking your hurts to your head or to your heart. In your head you analyze them, find their causes and consequences, and coin words to speak and write about them. But no final healing is likely to come from that source. You need to let your wounds go down into your heart. Then you can live them through and discover that they will not destroy you. Your heart is greater than your wounds.”

He’s right; your heart is greater than your wounds, though it needs caution in dealing with them. Wounds can soften your heart; but they can also harden your heart and freeze it in bitterness. So what’s the path here? What leads to warmth and what leads to coldness?

In a remarkable essay, *The Drama of the Gifted Child*, the Swiss psychologist, Alice Miller, tells us what hardens the heart and what softens it. She does so by outlining a particular drama that commonly unfolds in many lives. For her, giftedness does not refer to intellectual prowess but to sensitivity. The gifted child is the sensitive child. But that gift, sensitivity, is a mixed blessing. Positively, it lets you feel things more deeply so that the joys of living will mean more to you than to someone who is more callous. That’s its upside.

Conversely, however, if you are sensitive you will habitually fear disappointing others and will forever fear not measuring up. And your inadequacy to always measure up will habitually trigger feelings of anxiety and guilt within you. As well, if you are extraordinarily sensitive, you will tend to be self-effacing to a fault, letting others have their way while you swallow hard as your own needs aren’t met and then absorb the consequences. Not least, if you feel things deeply you will also feel hurt more deeply. That’s the downside of sensitivity and makes for the drama that Alice Miller calls the “drama of the gifted child”, the drama of the sensitive person.

Further, in her view, for many of us that drama will only begin to really play itself out in our middle and later years, constellating in frustration, disappointment, anger, and bitterness, as the wounds of our childhood and early adulthood begin to break through and overpower the inner mechanisms we have set up to resist them. In mid-life and beyond, our wounds will make themselves heard so strongly that our habitual ways of denial and coping no longer work. In mid-life you realize that your mother did love your sister better than you, that your father in fact didn’t care much about you, and that all those hurts you absorbed because you swallowed hard and played the stoic are still gnawing away bitterly inside you. That’s how the drama eventually culminates, in a heart that’s angry.

So where does that leave us? For Alice Miller, the answer lies in grieving. Our wounds are real and there is nothing we can do about them, pure and simple. The clock can’t be turned back. We cannot relive our lives so as to provide ourselves with different parents, different childhood friends, different experiences on the playground, different choices, and a different temperament. We can only move forward so as to live beyond our wounds. And we do that by grieving. Alice Miller submits that the entire psychological and spiritual task of midlife and beyond is that of grieving, mourning our wounds until the very foundations of our lives shake enough so that there can be transformation.

A deep psychological scar is the same as having some part of your body permanently damaged in an accident. You will never be whole again and nothing can change that. But you can be happy again; perhaps more happy than ever before. But that loss of wholeness must be grieved or it will manifest itself in anger, bitterness, and jealous regrets.

The Jesuit music composer and spiritual writer, Roc O’Connor, makes the same point, with the added comment that the grieving process also calls for a long patience within which we need to wait long enough so that the healing can occur according to its own natural rhythms. We need, he says, to embrace our wounded humanity and not act out. What’s helpful, he suggests, is to grieve our human limitations. Then we can endure hunger, emptiness, disappointment, and humiliation without looking for a quick fix – or for a fix at all. We should not try to fill our emptiness too quickly without sufficient waiting.

And we won’t ever make peace with our wounds without sufficient grieving.