



The Parish of Saints Philip and James

One Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

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

Masses

Saturday evening: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

Monday thru Friday: 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

Saturday: 9:15 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

Thursday 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Friday 8:00pm - 9:00pm

***January 1, 2017
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God***

The Parish of Saints Philip and James

PASTORAL MINISTRY:

Rev. Thomas J. Haggerty, Pastor
Father Patrick Osei-Poku, Associate Pastor
Deacon Ronald Blasius
Deacon John Keenan
Deacon Kenneth Maher

LITURGICAL MINISTRY:

Margaret Adams, Director of Music
Michele Familette, Sacristan

RECTORY STAFF:

John Cordes, Director of Facilities
Virginia Portanova, Business Manager

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY:

Ruth E. Testa, Principal of SSPJ School
Christine Ewald, School Secretary
Suzanne Fitzgibbon, Administrator of Religious Education
Charlotte Czujko-Coordinator Grades 1-2
Barbara Luna-Coordinator Grades 3-6
Dominick Avento-Coordinator Grades 7-8
Frank Brancaccio, Youth Minister

OUTREACH MINISTRY:

Elizabeth Wittish, OFS, Dir. of Parish Social Ministry

TRUSTEE: Jerry Linder & Tina Cafaro

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Rita Byrne	Cynthia Lombardi
Claire DiCarlo	Martin Marut
Chris Donnelly	Ann Mondrone
Ryan Doyle	Mary Ann Pose
Richard Frazita	Noel Rannazzisi
Lou Guerra	Tom Sica
	Robert Thompson

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Celebrated twice a month. In order to participate in this celebration, parents must register at the Pastoral Center for our pre-baptism program.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Couples planning to marry should contact the Pastoral Center before visiting a reception hall. The preparation process is nine months before your proposed wedding date. Call the Pastoral Center for further information.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Children in the seventh and eighth grade are prepared to celebrate this Sacrament through programs of the SSPJ school or the SSPJ Religious Education Office.

Adults prepare for this Sacrament through the RCIA process. Call the Pastoral Center for further information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (Confession, Penance) Available Saturdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Church or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: In the case of serious, unexpected illness, please contact the Pastoral Center to arrange for a priest to pray with the ill person. For those about to enter the hospital, Anointing of the Sick is held on the first Sunday of the month following the mass at 12:00 p.m.

R.C.I.A.: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (non-Catholic adults desiring to become Catholic). Please contact the Pastoral Center for information.

PASTORAL CENTER OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY—THURSDAY: 9AM—8PM
FRIDAY : 9AM-5PM
SATURDAY: 9AM—2PM
SUNDAY: 10AM—2PM

Parish Office: 631-584-5454
Parish Fax: 631-862-9675
Religious Education: 631-584-3204
Youth Office: 631-862-SSPJ
E-mail: info@sspj.org
Web: www.sspj.org
School Office: 631-584-7896
School Fax: 631-584-3258

Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

"Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."

Reflections from Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP:

"We join Mary as we reflect on what 'all these things' can mean for us and our world. We begin by looking for Christ in the least-likely places. He can be found, if our story is any guide, among the outsiders and in the most surprising places. The influential and powerful would consider Bethlehem a no-account village -- to say nothing of what they would have thought about the stable and manger as the birth site for God's Savior!"

"I have been getting Christmas cards from friends and family. Many contain special photos of the children taken just for Christmas. The kids look perfect (I'm sure their parents know otherwise). Those Christmas photos are on my mind as I try to picture today's gospel scene. The birth happened in a stable, or some cave out back of the inn. Wherever it was, it was the most unlikely royal birthing room for a King. As unlikely a scene as the gospel pictures for us, it's nevertheless a picture of a family gathering -- Mary, the peasant girl with a loving husband and those shepherds at the newborn's side. It's just the kind of diverse family Jesus has come to be part of."

"Through our baptism we are members of that family. Lord knows our lives aren't picture-perfect. There are parts, or even a lot of our lives, that we can't spruce up for a holiday picture. In some ways we're like those shepherds, ragged and living on the edge of things, but invited nevertheless....At each Eucharist we come in from the fields and hillsides of life, weary with work, preoccupied with worry for ourselves, our kids and the whole world.... All of us make ourselves at home around the table, with Mary, our model and loving mother. With her we 'keep all these things, reflecting on them.' The 'things' she saw and heard was God's invitation to the least and those in need. That's why we have gathered at Eucharist, we are in need too. When we receive the good things God has for us we will go out and find other shepherds in the fields to share the glad tidings with them."

Many thanks to all who helped make our Christmas celebrations so faith-filled. Those who decorated the church and auditorium, our music ministry, our liturgical ministers and the wonderful crowds of people who gathered at Masses created an atmosphere of joy and welcome for the Word made flesh. May we continue to recognize and respond to the presence of Jesus in all people.

*"The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you!
The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!"*

Blessings are a big part of the Bible. The blessing in the Old Testament is a gift that is given, an act of unmerited favor and unconditional acceptance, not something that is earned. All blessings are considered incomplete unless they are also accompanied by peace.... It is very appropriate that the Church begins the New Year honoring Mary, the Queen of Peace. Each of us was invited at Mass to take a "Vow of Non-Violence" So the next logical question is: What action are you going to do to make the world a more peaceful place in 2017? We are, after all, just one, big rowdy family. How can the Lord bless us if we are not willing to bless each other and follow up with an active commitment to make a difference for some part of the world? May this be a year of active blessing for all of us.

As 2017 begins let's continue to share the light of Christ at home, at work, in school, at the parish, in our community and our world. Small, bite-sized acts of kindness go a long way!

Peace,

Father Tom

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

2016 Christmas Poinsettia Memorials Flowers Of The Holy Night

The Poinsettia, a Christmas tradition, reminds us of just how blessed we are to have shared the joy of this most holy season with loved ones...

*Their brilliant color reminds us of the power of memory that each of our hearts hold.
We celebrate the miracle of Christ's birth and pray that you will find peace in the memory of your soul,
and be blessed by the gracious gift of our Lord this Christmas and always...*



Ann Esposito
Anthony Zielinski
Antonina Griffio
Ayers & O'Brien Families
Barbara Fletcher
Ben & John Harney
Bernhardt & Veronica
Wehman
Bill & Mary Cole
Bob Remhild
Borrelli & Crandall Families
Brian Loftus
Carolyn Wittimer
Charles Harrison
Charlotte Hall
Connolly & Rathjen Families
David McCulloch
Dominick Caponegro
Ed Remhild
Edward Mraz
Eleanor Handley
Eugene & Lillian Carey
Evelyn Gill
Fleming, Doran, Rossen &
Mantone Families Deceased
Frances & Alfonso Prato
Frank Bendl
Frank Lombardo
Gene Kranz
Ghislaine & Mary Nocera
Gombert & Tschinkel
Families

Grace Giarizzo
Grawoma & Poppy Zito
Gussie Lenzi
Ida & Peter Scarpelli
Ignatius Griffio
Jack & Lila Klein
Jack Hall
James & Shirley Davis
Jenny Colangelo
Joachim Melo
Joanna Ernau
Joey Verderber
John & June Carick
John & Marie Martin
John Duffy
Joseph Casey
Lawrence & Clara
Riccio
Leonard & Mildred
Hurtado
Linda Kushins
Lois & Jack Donohue
Louis Chiorando
Louise Koke
Macenzie Fitschen
Maria Barlin
Mae & Patricia Casey
Makris Family Members
Departed
Marian McNamara
Mary & Joseph Barbera

Mary Moffatt Roethgen
Michael Bohenek
Michael Edward Kaleita
Michael Mattia
Mildred & James Butler
Nana & Poppa Zito
Nansy Burns
Neil Lenzi
O'Hara & Kingston
Families
Paul & Vincenza Fabrizio
Philip Alaimo, Jr.
Robert Fabian
Robert Koke
Rose & Jack Patalano
Rosemary Kennedy
Skrzypczak & Long
Families
Sorro Family
Stella Remhild
Steven Gerard Carr
Thomas & Catherine
Moffatt
Thomas McMahon
Valdura Family Members
Departed
Vincent Priebe
Virginia Darrow
William & Geraldine
Heneghan
William & Margaret Olsen
William Fisher
Zina Focarazzo



**Beginning January 1st 2017
Sts. Philip & James Parish will Usher in a
New Mass Schedule!**



Our New Sunday Mass Schedule

Effective January 1, 2017, any Mass intentions that have already been scheduled will be adjusted as follows ON THE SAME MASS SCHEDULE DATE:

**9:00am Mass Intentions
Will Become: 8:00am Mass Intentions**

**10:30am Mass Intentions
Will Become: 10:00am Mass Intentions**

**5:00 pm SATURDAY MASS INTENTIONS
REMAIN THE SAME**

**12:00pm SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS
REMAIN THE SAME**

**Saturday Evening
5pm Mass**

Sunday Morning Mass Schedule:

8am

10am

12pm

"Give Peace A Chance" January 1, 2017

*Any who wish to again renew or take the Vow of Non Violence will be invited to do so, on New Year's Day.
To prepare, kindly pray over the vow and discern whether you feel ready to make it for
The New Year, 2017.*

"Peace is to be worked at: it is not something that one gains without efforts" Pope Francis

VOW OF NON VIOLENCE

***Recognizing the violence in my own heart,
yet trusting in the goodness and mercy of God,
I vow for one year to practice the nonviolence of Jesus
who taught us in the Sermon on the Mount:***

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God...

You have learned how it was said,

"You must love your neighbor and hate your enemy".

But I say to you, "Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you."

In this way you will be daughters and sons of your Creator in heaven.

Before God the Creator and the Sanctifying Spirit,

I vow to carry out in my life the love and example of Jesus

- by striving for peace within myself and seeking to be a peacemaker in my daily life;

- by accepting suffering rather than inflicting it;

- by refusing to retaliate in the face of provocation and violence;

- by persevering in nonviolence of tongue and heart;

***- by living conscientiously and simply, so that I do not
deprive others of the means to live;***

***- by actively resisting evil and working nonviolently to abolish war and the causes of war from my own heart and from the
face of the earth.***

***God, I trust in your sustaining love, and believe that just as you gave me the grace and desire to offer this vow,
so you will also bestow abundant grace to fulfill it***

Now that 2017 has arrived:
an invitation to
Meeting Christ in Prayer

If growing closer to Jesus is among your desires for 2017, Meeting Christ in Prayer can be a helpful guide. This 8 week process of spiritual renewal is based on Ignatian spirituality and supplements a weekly small group (8-10 people) gathering of 75 minutes with daily guides for individual prayer. Here are the SSPJ details:



about

- 8 weeks of small group gatherings on Tuesdays beginning January 10th
- 10-11:15am (and 12:15-1:30pm if there are enough for a second group)
- Donation of \$10 includes the 8 week Participant Guide
- Facilitator—Kathleen Andersen, D. Min.

Pre-registration is required. Please either complete the form below and return it to the Parish Center OR send the info by email to KathleenSSPJ@optonline.net.

PLEASE REGISTER BY TUESDAY, JANUARY 3rd.

Your registration will be confirmed by email or phone.

This group will only happen if a sufficient number register by January 3rd.

In the new year, explore deepening your relationship with Jesus in new (and old) ways. This experience is geared for all — those “experienced” in prayer and those who want to explore. You’re asked to commit to the weekly meetings and to using the Guide for a daily time of prayer. It’s not teaching people how to laugh, but sharing the experience of laughing. It’s not teaching people how to pray, it’s sharing the experience of praying. It’s not teaching people how to come to know Jesus, but sharing the experience of knowing Jesus.

MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER - Registration

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

_____ I wish to register for the 8 sessions beginning
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10th, 10-11:15am.

_____ I could attend a 12:15-1:30pm session if needed.

_____ I am interested but cannot attend on weekdays. Would be interested in a Saturday morning group.

Saints Philip and James Parish Calendar

For The Week of January 1st, 2017

SUNDAY, January 1st, 2017:



10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word

7:00pm AA Meeting

Church

Monte Building

MONDAY, January 2nd, 2017:

Parish Center Closed for New Year's Day

6:30pm Men's Forum

Church

TUESDAY, January 3rd, 2017:

4:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Communion II (Gr2) Catechist Workshop

7:30pm Boy Scout Leadership Meeting

7:30pm Chords of Faith Rehearsal

7:30pm KOC Officers Meeting

Church

Philip & James Rm.

Monte Building

Choir Loft

Trailer Room

WEDNESDAY, January 4th, 2017:

10:00am Yoga

4:00pm Peace & Justice Meeting

7:00pm REO Confirmation I (Gr7) Reconciliation

7:00pm Youth Ministry

Trailer Room

Philip & James Rm

Church

Trailer Room

Thursday, January 5th, 2017:

10:00am REO Communion II Catechist Workshop

2:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm Pre-Baptism Class

Philip & James Rm

Church

Church

Philip & James Rm

FRIDAY, January 6th, 2017:

3:00pm Stained Glass Club

7:00pm AA Meeting

8:00pm First Friday Nocturnal Adoration

Downstairs Mt Rm

Monte Building

Church

SATURDAY, January 7th, 2017:

10:00am Stained Glass Club

Downstairs Meet Rm



*With the shepherds let us
enter the stable of
Bethlehem beneath the
loving gaze of Mary, the
silent witness of his
miraculous birth... May
she teach us how to
treasure in our hearts the
mystery of God who for
our sake became man.*

Pope Benedict XVI

***Together, As a Parish
Family, We Mourn the
Passing of:***

Charles C. Gelo

Joan P. Capalbo

Carolynne M. Miller

Maria Megna



Together , With Philip and James, We Are Church

Mass Intentions, For Week of January 1st, 2017

Saturday, December 31st, 2016

All Masses: John O'Loughlin

Sunday, January 1st, 2017

7:30am Gregoria Diaz
9:00am Edward McCormick
10:30am Collective Mass and For The Parishioners of SSPJ
12:00noon Michael E. Kaleita
Barbara T. Harkins
Richard & Grace Ehmann
Vinny Luna
Meyers & Napolitano Families
Frankie MacInnes

Monday, January 2nd, 2017

7:30am Elizabeth Zendrian
9:15am Peter Mirabile

Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017

7:30am Father James Maltese
9:15am Arthur B. Newill

Wednesday, January 4th, 2017

7:30am Lawrence Czaplyski
9:15am Elizabeth Black

Thursday January 5th, 2017

7:30am Ida Camera
9:15am Collective Mass:
Patricia O'Dermatt
Ray Ebert
Samantha Grootenboer
Lillian Finocchiaro
(Living) Joan Beverly

Friday, January 6th, 2017

7:30am Josephine & Dominick Avento, Jr.
9:15am Michael Kaleita

Saturday, January 7th, 2017

9:15am Jason O'Hare (Living)
5:00pm Peter, Sarah & Mary Cole

Sunday, January 8th 2017

8:00am Patricia Tully Williamson
10:00am Patrick Kelly
12:00noon Collective Mass and For The Parishioners of SSPJ
Charles Downes
William Peter Amadio
Walter J. Hoffman, Jr.
Dominick V. Famularo
Barbara Harkins

***New Year's Day
January 1st, 2017***

***Our Pro Life Rose
Is Offered for,
Richard & Grace Ehmann***



***New Year's Day
January 1st, 2017***

***Our Bread & Wine
Are Offered,***

In Loving Memory of,

Richard & Grace Ehmann



***New Year's Day
January 1st, 2017***

The Altar Candles are burning,

In Loving Memory of,

Richard & Grace Ehmann



Keeping You In Our Prayers....



Alfred Fox
Amy Delgado
Andy S.
Anita Principe
Anna Capizzio
Ann Falzarano
Anthony Malatesta
Antonio Fecca
Ashley Picozzi
Barbara See
Bradley Shutka
Bernadette Esposito
Bob Koop
Brett Lyons
Brett Dowling
Caitlyn Sinclair
Cathryn Nikiforow
Carol Walz
Carolann Orefice
Carole Hennessy
Charles Inzerillo
Christine Shaw
Christopher Michael
Christopher Paul
Christopher Tallarico
Daisy Abruzzo
Dr. Corradino Lalli
Diane Faticone
Diane Weidner
Diego Stincone
Dolores Cea
Dolores Lacy
Donald Stanton
Dylan Beach
Dylan Murphy
Edward Altmann
Eileen Ballerano
Eileen Zinck
Elinor Glasser
Ellen Mary Newill Boyd
Ellie I.
Eric Michelsen
Eva Alaimo
Erica Macrelli
Eugene T. Sampieri
Frank Orlik
Fred Zapf
George Seserian
George Schweers
Gerald Sullivan
Grace Giordano
Helen Astin
Helen McDowell
Helen Williams
Hollie Sramek
Jack
Jack C
Jack Scagnelli
James Schreiber
Jeanine Esposito-Tansey
Jeanne W.
Jennifer
Joel Rapzker
John Bongiorno
John C.
John McGuire
John Reif
Joseph Chick Martin
Julia McDowell Scott
Julianne

Kaitlin Cahill
Kathleen N
Kathleen Newill
Kay N
Kitty Cronin
Kylie Quigley
Laura Andrucki
Laura Michelsen
Laurette Meyers
Lee Krauer
Linda Lauro
Linda Marie N.
Lisa
Lisa Bolton
Lisa Messana
Lorraine Hanley
Louis Maddaloni
Lucas Cianci
Margaret Monfort
Mark Smith
Maria Cipriani
Martin D'Amico
Mary McCue
Mary Missbach
Mattia Therese Lubrano
Mathew DiPietro
Mathew White
Michael Flynn
Michael Kaplon
Michelle Bongiorno
Nick Gismondi
Nicolina Santucci
Paula Medeiros
Patricia Esposito
Patricia Monetti
Patricia Fontana
Patricia Nidds
Patty Argentino
Pete Thompson
Peter Ambrose
Ray & Cathy Grayson
Raymond Donovan
Rebecca Devan
Richard Belardo
Richard Casio
Robert Michael Carr
Robert P. Wrenn
Rosemarie Castoro
Rosemarie LaFronz
Rosemarie Pastorelli
Ruth Weick
Sandy Polster
Scott Kirchoffer
Sharon Williams
Steve Whelan
Tara Routi
Terrance Martin
Terrence Emde
Thomas John Collins
Thomas Mooney
Tim Kelly
Valerie Geye Costas
Victor Blum
Vincent Briante
Virginia Kelly
Vito Montello
Vivien Cordes
William Lanagan

PRAY FOR OUR ★★★★★ MILITARY

“We pray for peace in the world” and for those who serve....

LCDR. MEGAN M. SHUTKA-VIK, USN
CAPT. WILSON MARKS, USN
CAPTAIN MICHAEL DOLAN, JR.
LT. COL. JOHN KAIRES
LT. COL. STEPHEN A. SCHNELL
SPC. NICOLE A. CANNON
SGM. MICHAEL P. BORRELLI (US ARMY)
CAPT. JOHN TULLY, USN
LT. COL. JAMES TULLY, US ARMY
JOSEPH SAGGIO, USNC
CAPTAIN PAUL WILLMS
STAFF SGT. MICHAEL LONGHENRY
LT. COL. PAUL T. JACKSON,
SR AIRMAN E4 ALEXANDER PARRELLA
RICHARD SOTOMAYER, USAF
CPL. CONNOR F. SCOTT, USMC
LCPL. DANIEL P. STEELE, USMC
SGT. CORY O'HARA USMC
JAMEY ALAIMO, U.S.C.G.
BRITTANY ALAIMO, U.S.C.G.
CDR. ROBERT J. MARSH, USN
PFC. CHARLES CHRISTOPHER HOWELL
JOHN VINCENT KNOBLOCH, USMC
STEVEN CAVA, USN
ERIC SEELIN, USMC
CW2 CHRIS MUNZ
CW2 NATASHA WORTMAN
JAMES T. CASEY, USMC
GREGORY DEVANEY, USMC
SGT. JOSHUA MAHONEY, US ARMY
KEVIN JONES, U.S.C.G.
RICHARD MAIER, U.S.M.C.
PRIVATE JOSHUA OLSEN, USARNG
GLEN CRIMA-U.S. ARMY
PFC. ANTHONY SCIAMETTA

Weekly Collection: Sunday, December 25th 2016

Sunday Collection: \$28,220.

Faith Direct: \$3,823.

Children's Jug: \$236.

Christmas Offering: \$29,196.

Total Collection: \$61,475.

Many thanks for your generous support of SSPJ.

If you are able to take a step in your sacrificial offering it would be greatly appreciated.

If you are using a collection envelope, with sincere gratitude, we say, Thank you!

Kindly write the dollar amount of your contribution on the front of the collection envelope.

Celebrating the Liturgy- With Grateful Hearts We Serve

PRESIDER SCHEDULE—FOR January 7th & 8th, 2017

Presider Schedule may be subject to last minute changes.

Saturday, January 7th, 2017

5:00pm Father Patrick Osei-Poku/Dcn. Ron

Sunday, January 8th, 2017

8:00am Father Patrick Osei-Poku/Dcn. Ron
 10:00am Father Tom Haggerty/Dcn. John
 12:00Noon Father Tom Haggerty/Dcn. John

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE –FOR January 7th and January 8th, 2017

SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 8:00AM	SUNDAY 10:00AM	SUNDAY 12:00 NOON
M. Spina D. Toto E. Kaleita G. Alfano A. Keenan J. Duffy R. Piazza L. Taurassi D. Doran L. Tepedino	E. Sica S. McxKie W. Ramos M. Kenney M. Morbillo P. Kanuika D. Mulhall J. Harvey W. VanGostein P. Martin	L. Patalano G. Amen J. Scott J. Sweeney J. Tafrá G. Patalano L. Keane M. Tangel N. Rannazzisi W. Rodriguez	T. Boboris M. Hoonhout M. Lebrun A. Santo P. Iannuccilli T. Pace P. Agoglia M. Peykar P. Rizzo M. Lebrun

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

SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 8:00AM	SUNDAY 10:00AM	SUNDAY 12:00 NOON
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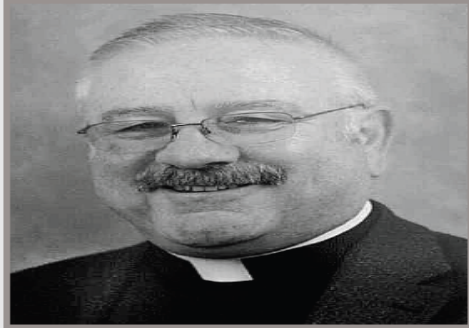
LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR January 7th and 8th, 2017

SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 8:00AM	SUNDAY 10:00AM	SUNDAY 12:00 NOON
G. Priebe 8th Grade Lector	S. Cavoorthis B. Luna	A. Foster A. Mondrone	A. Latino P. O'Hara

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, JANUARY 2, 2017 (NEW YEAR!)

**Fr. Roy Tvrdik, SMM, Shrine of Our Lady of the Island
"A Man's Spiritual Journey"**

Every tribe of every race since the beginning of human history has had an initiation rite into manhood. These rites were strenuous tests to teach boys how to overcome pain and find the ingenuity and inner strength to overcome the challenges every man must face in life. In this perspective Fr. Roy will discuss the Rite of Christian Initiation as providing the resources for a Catholic man to bear life's crosses and carry on in the noble adventure of following Jesus Christ. Please join us—learning from Fr. Roy is a great way to start the new year with a spirit of courage and vitality.

TIME & LOCATION: Main Church: North Country Rd., Saint James, NY

6:30 PM: Adoration • 7:30 PM: Speaker Talk • 8:30 PM: Coffee & Cake

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

MEETING DATES

2016:	2017:	2017:(cont.)
Sept. 19	Jan. 2	April 3
Oct. 3	Jan. 16	April 17
Oct. 17	Feb. 6	May 1
Nov. 7	Feb. 20	May 15
Nov. 21	March 6	June 19
Dec. 5	March 20	



WE WELCOME ALL MEN TO SHARE IN THIS MISSION.

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.

Website: www.sspjmensforum.org



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HELP IS NEEDED FROM ALL SSPJ MINISTRIES

The ministries here at SSPJ provide so much to the parish and we wish to thank you all for being such great Apostles of Hope. The ministries offer many activities to the parishioners but we all must share and maintain the limited spaces available.

As a reminder, any utilization of space anywhere on the campus must be requested and reserved in advance by submitting a calendar request form and a work order when needed. Recently we have had groups utilizing rooms or spaces for which no calendar request or work order had been submitted or approved. This has created a space utilization problem, as well as the ability to maintain our facilities in proper order.

We are all in this together, and are one. We, therefore, request your cooperation in complying with the existing policy. If this is not followed, it may result in ministries being denied use of our facilities for their functions.

Thanks for your cooperation and being Apostles of Hope.



SSPJ School News

The First Graders here at SSPJ worked hard to prepare for their big Christmas Tableau! This play celebrated the birth of Jesus by reenacting the First Christmas! The students dressed as Joseph, Mary, Shepherds, Angels and animals to bring this special moment to life! The students spent many weeks rehearsing and practicing and their hard work definitely showed!

This was truly an amazing performance that encourages people to never forget the true meaning of Christmas! You can see pictures Christmas Tableau on our first grade class webpage.

The First Graders would also like to take this time to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!



OH COME
LET US
Adore
HIM

Religious Education Ministry

Communion II Gr. 2 Catechist Workshop

Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017

7:00pm

Sts. Philip & James Room

Or:

Thursday, January 5th, 2017
At: 10:00am

In the Philip & James Room

Confirmation I Gr. 7:

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

Reconciliation Service

7:00pm

In the Church

Bring on
the
NEW YEAR!

Getting Ready for Next Sunday

January 8th - Feast of the Epiphany —Cycle A

Scripture Readings ONLINE

The website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides the text of the Scripture Readings. Go to: www.usccb.org . Click on the date.

Reflections on Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72

Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Faith is not just God and me. As a believer I belong to a community. The joys and pains of the larger group are mine as well. Faith calls me to reveal the presence of a caring God. The Epiphany of the Lord is about revelation: the manifestation of a God who cares in the person of the Son who became man.

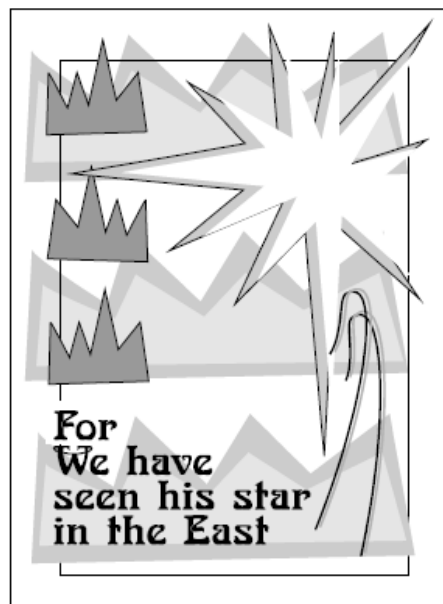
Today's first reading uses the images of darkness and thick clouds to describe the frustration of Judah and Jerusalem after the exile around 500 B.C. Hope is symbolized in the light that will shine upon Jerusalem when the exiles return. This light will be for the good of all, because "nations shall come to your light" as the believers reveal their caring God.

The author of Ephesians unveils God's revelation: the Gentiles are in communion with Israel. Thus the Gentiles are coheirs and partners with Israel in God's promise of salvation. Since the Gentiles have also received the Spirit, the wall of separation between Jew and Gentile has been obliterated. To share the inheritance with Israel is to realize one's dignity.

Matthew writes of the pagan magi following the star. The magi represent all those Gentiles who will enter the Christian Church while the Jews, who possess the Scriptures, reject Jesus. Matthew also sees believers as signs of a caring God. The believer who embraces the lonely and sorrowing reveals a compassionate God.

-- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

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For reflection...

God sent the Magi a message that caused them to ride camels half way across the known world. What causes you to put this kind of effort into something? What was worth this kind of a search for them? For you?

Bethlehem and Jerusalem. The Magi and Herod. How do these places and people compare or relate? What does this say to you about the places and people God chooses?

The Magi brought gold, frankincense and myrrh as their gifts. What are your gifts? What is the most precious gift you have to give to the Christ Child?

The presence of God shone through the star and invited the Magi to follow. Through whom and through what does the presence of God shine for you? Where are you being invited this year?



Incarnation – God is with Us

For many of us, I suspect, it gets harder each year to capture the mood of Christmas. About the only thing that still warms are hearts are memories, memories of younger, more naïve, days when the lights and carols, Christmas trees and gifts, still excited us. But we're adult now and so too, it seems, is our world. Much of our joy in anticipating Christmas is blunted by many things, not least by the commercialism that today is characterized by excess. By late October we already see Christmas decorations, Santa is around in November, and December greets us with series of Christmas parties which exhaust us long before December 25th. So how can we rally some spirit for Christmas day?

It's not easy, and commercialism and excess are not our only obstacles. More serious are the times. Can we, amid the many cruelties of this year, warm up to a season of tinsel and festivity? Can we continue to romanticize the pilgrimage of one poor couple searching for shelter two thousand years ago amidst the plight of the millions of refugees today who are journeying without even a stable as a refuge? Does it mean anything to speak of peace after various elections this year polarized our nations and left millions unable to speak civilly to their neighbors? Where exactly is the peace and goodwill in our world today?

Closer to home, there are our own personal tragedies: the death of loved ones, lost marriages, lost families, lost health, lost jobs, lost time, tiredness, frustration. How do we celebrate the birth of a redeemer in a world which looks shockingly unredeemed and with hearts that mostly feel heavy and fatigued? The Christmas story is not easily made credible. How do we maintain the belief that God came down from heaven, took on human flesh, conquered all suffering, and altered the course of human history?

This isn't easy to believe amidst all the evidence that seems to contradict it, but its credibility is contingent upon it being properly understood. Christmas is not a magical event, a Cinderella story without midnight. Rather its very centre speaks of humiliation, pain, and forced fleeing which is not unlike that being experienced by millions of refugees and victims of injustice on our planet today. The Christmas story mirrors the struggle that's being experienced within our own world and within our own tired hearts.

Incarnation is not yet the resurrection. Flesh in Jesus, as in us, is human, vulnerable, weak, incomplete, needy, painfully full of limit, suffering. Christmas celebrates Christ's birth into these things, not his removal of them. Christ redeems limit, evil, sin and pain. But they are not abolished. Given that truth, we can celebrate at Christ's birth without in any way denying or trivializing the real evil in our world and the real pain in our lives. Christmas is a challenge to celebrate while still in pain.

The incarnate God is called *Emmanuel*, a name which means *God-is-with-us*. That fact does not mean immediate festive joy. Our world remains wounded, and wars, strikes, selfishness, and bitterness linger. Our hearts too remain wounded. Pain lingers. For a Christian, just as for everyone else, there will be incompleteness, illness, death, senseless hurt, broken dreams, cold, hungry, lonely days of bitterness and a lifetime of inconsummation. Reality can be harsh and Christmas does not ask us to make make-believe. The incarnation does not promise heaven on earth. It promises heaven in heaven. Here, on earth, it promises us something else – *God's presence in our lives*. This presence redeems because knowing that God is with us is what ultimately empowers us to give up bitterness, to forgive, and to move beyond cynicism and bitterness. When God is with us then pain and happiness are not mutually exclusive and the agonies and riddles of life do not exclude deep meaning and deep joy.

In the words of Avery Dulles: "The incarnation does not provide us with a ladder by which to escape from the ambiguities of life and scale the heights of heaven. Rather, it enables us to burrow deep into the heart of planet earth and find it shimmering with divinity." George Orwell prophesied that our world would eventually be taken over by tyranny, torture, double-think, and a broken human spirit. To some extent this is true. We're a long ways from being whole and happy, still deeply in exile.

However, we need to celebrate Christmas 2016 heartily. Maybe we won't feel the same excitement we once felt as children when we were excited about tinsel, lights, Christmas carols, and special gifts and special food. Some of that excitement isn't available to us anymore. But something more important is still available, namely, the sense that God is with us in our lives, in our joys as well as in our shortcomings.

The word was made flesh. That's an incredible thing, something that should be celebrated with tinsel, lights, and songs of joy.



The Parish of Saints Philip and James

One Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

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

Masses

Saturday evening: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

Monday thru Friday: 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

Saturday: 9:15 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

Thursday 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Friday 8:00pm - 9:00pm

***January 15, 2017
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***

The Parish of Saints Philip and James

PASTORAL MINISTRY:

Rev. Thomas J. Haggerty, Pastor
Father Patrick Osei-Poku, Associate Pastor
Deacon Ronald Blasius
Deacon John Keenan
Deacon Kenneth Maher

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Christine Ewald, School Secretary
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Dominick Avento-Coordinator Grades 7-8
Frank Brancaccio, Youth Minister

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Elizabeth Wittish, OFS, Dir. of Parish Social Ministry

TRUSTEE: Jerry Linder & Tina Cafaro

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Rita Byrne	Cynthia Lombardi
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Chris Donnelly	Ann Mondrone
Ryan Doyle	Mary Ann Pose
Richard Frazita	Noel Rannazzisi
Lou Guerra	Tom Sica
	Robert Thompson

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Celebrated twice a month. In order to participate in this celebration, parents must register at the Pastoral Center for our pre-baptism program.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Couples planning to marry should contact the Pastoral Center before visiting a reception hall. The preparation process is nine months before your proposed wedding date. Call the Pastoral Center for further information.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Children in the seventh and eighth grade are prepared to celebrate this Sacrament through programs of the SSPJ school or the SSPJ Religious Education Office.

Adults prepare for this Sacrament through the RCIA process. Call the Pastoral Center for further information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (Confession, Penance) Available Saturdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Church or by appointment.

ANointing OF THE SICK: In the case of serious, unexpected illness, please contact the Pastoral Center to arrange for a priest to pray with the ill person. For those about to enter the hospital, Anointing of the Sick is held on the first Sunday of the month following the mass at 12:00 p.m.

R.C.I.A.: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (non-Catholic adults desiring to become Catholic). Please contact the Pastoral Center for information.

PASTORAL CENTER OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY—THURSDAY: 9AM—8PM

FRIDAY : 9AM-5PM

SATURDAY: 9AM—2PM

SUNDAY: 10AM—2PM

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Web: www.sspj.org

School Office: 631-584-7896

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Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Christmas season came to an end last Monday on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. As we move on from celebration, how will we return to our everyday lives? Here are some thoughts from Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP:

*Well, we do have to get back to our lives, to the ordinary. We will again be numbering these Sundays "ordinary time" – based on the Latin that means counting. But the English still sounds "ordinary," as in routine, boring and plain. **The question is: has the Christmas season reminded us that we have a "Reason for the Season"? Now that Christ has arrived, how do we get him into our daily lives?....***

The world around us has, once again, put Christmas aside. But let's not leave the Christmas season too quickly. We pause and play it all back again, noticing how God has been the key player this season, as in all seasons. The real gift comes from God....

Notice, after the manifestation, the Magi must return "by another route." Already the gift of God has begun to change their lives and ours as well. Having experienced the birth of the Savior, nothing can be the same for us, we have to return to our lives "by another route." We have to take what we have experienced back to our families and world, as people who have experienced a life-altering event. A light has shone, "the glory of the Lord shines upon you." We see things in a different way; light shines in our lives and we interpret the events, the difficulties as well as the joys, under the new vision we have from that light.

Thank you for your help in implementing our new Mass schedule. Perhaps we can use the new schedule as an opportunity to raise our voices anew - in song!!! Choosing to sing – we've all heard it before, yet the truth is many churches are filled with former Catholics who didn't find among us life, welcome and praise so often expressed through music. If you always join in the sung responses and hymns, please, keep on singing and encouraging others! If you have refrained in the past, please try "another route" and let your voice join with others in giving praise to our God.

Thank you for responding to our snow removal appeal. The bill for our first "dusting" alone was significant, and last week's storm - well, substantial snow brought substantial cost! As you know, with Christmas and New Year's falling on Sundays, we missed some usual collections. Thank you to all who gave twice! We need to keep up with expenses, so if you are able, even an extra dollar (or more) would be helpful.

Looking ahead, Catholic Schools week arrives at the end of this month. I encourage all with school age children and without to come and rejoice in the treasure we have in SSPJ school. We continue to outscore scholastically ALL area schools, have strong spiritual, academic, social and athletic offerings and enjoy a recognized history of overall excellence in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Watch the upcoming bulletins for details of the events of that week.

As I leave on vacation I ask you to welcome back not only my friend but yours -- the joy-filled Franciscan friar, Father Kevin Cronin, ofm, who is looking forward to filling in for me. I hope to bring back some warm sunshine!

And...

A woman, pregnant with twins, went into labor while her husband was away on a business trip. Though the twins arrived safely, complications put the mom in a temporary coma. The hospital staff insisted that the next of kin name the twins immediately. The nearest kin was the mom's brother who was kind of a loose cannon. But he named them. When the mom awoke, fearing crazy monikers, she nervously asked what names he had given her babies. "Well, the first was a girl so I named her Denise." The mom breathed a sigh of relief. "The second was a boy so I named him D nephew."

Peace,

Father Tom

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

Saints Philip and James Parish Calendar

For The Week of January 15th, 2017

SUNDAY, January 15th, 2017

8:00am	Wash Kit Gang Superbowl Raffle	School Lobby
8:00am	Respect Life Communion Breakfast	Auditorium
9:00am	RCIA Weekly Sessions	Philip & James Rm.
10:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Church
1:00pm	Stained Glass Club	Downstairs Mtg Rm.
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Monte Building

MONDAY, January 16th, 2017: Martin Luther King Day

No Events Planned in observance of Martin Luther King Day
Parish Center Closed

TUESDAY, January 17th, 2017:

1:30pm	Spirit of Prayer Group	Prayer Rm in Church
4:30pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Choir Loft
7:00pm	Catholic Daughters Meeting	Philip & James Rm.
7:00pm	REO Communion I Parent Meeting	Trailer Main Room
7:30pm	Boy Scout Leadership Meeting	Monte Building
7:30pm	Impact 8th Grade	Auditorium
7:30pm	Chords of Faith Rehearsal	Choir Loft

WEDNESDAY, January 18th, 2017:

10:00am	Yoga	Trailer Room
5:45pm	REO Grade 5 Reconciliation Service	Church
7:00pm	Youth Ministry	Trailer Room

Thursday, January 19th, 2017:

10:00am	REO Communion I Parent Meeting	Trailer Main Room
2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church

FRIDAY, January 20th, 2017:

3:00pm	Stained Glass Club	Downstairs Mt Rm
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Monte Building
8:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church

SATURDAY, January 21st, 2017:

10:00am	Stained Glass Club	Downstairs Meet Rm
4:00pm	Wash Kit Gang Superbowl Raffle	School Lobby
5:00pm	REO Confirmation II Creed Mass	Church



This weekend the Respect Life Committee is holding it's Annual Communion Breakfast after the 8AM and 10AM masses. Please join us down stairs for a wonderful breakfast and help our ministry provide for women in crisis pregnancies and all pro-life needs.



It's official! SSPJ is on Instagram !!
Follow us at "sspj_parish"

**PLEASE FOLLOW US FOR
ANNOUNCEMENTS,
REMINDERS AND
REFLECTIONS!**



Second Collection This Weekend: January 14th & 15th, 2017 For Snow Removal Costs

There will be a second collection this weekend to assist us in defraying the costs for snow removal.

Based upon the weather forecasts and the actual costs of snow removal last year, we prayerfully and gratefully seek your assistance in this necessary effort.

Many thanks for your understanding and generosity.



Winter Yoga Classes:

Have Begun...In our Cozy Trailer!

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

This is a Yoga class for all levels with variations taught for beginners to intermediate. Registration is for 10 classes (\$100) including one makeup class which will be provided free of charge. All are welcome to take a class for free to determine if this is the right place for you!

For Information and Registration:
Loretta Celitan RYT 631-862-6429 or
Celitan@optonline.net

Catholic Daughters News



CATHOLIC
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COURT ANNA THERESA #1074 STS. PHILIP AND
JAMES PARISH

Please join with the Catholic Daughters for a
beautiful and
peaceful Taize Prayer Service

Led by Kathy Anderson on
Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

We will be meeting in the Sts. Philip and James
Room

and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Following the service we will have coffee and cake
and our monthly meeting.

All women of the Parish are welcome.



Wash Kit Gang Annual Super Bowl Raffle!

Will be held after all masses next weekend,
January 14th and 15th, 2016!



Please stop by and purchase raffle tickets that support the wonderful work of the SSPJ Wash Kit Gang.

All proceeds go toward providing supplies for making wash kits and messages of hope to homeless families and individuals living at shelters on Long Island.

The Wash Kit Gang Ministry also provides teaching and service opportunities for young people in our parish to help those among us that are the most vulnerable in our society.

**The tickets are only \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The top prize is a
Samsung 50-inch 4K television!**

Together, With Philip and James, We Are Church

Mass Intentions, For Week of January 15th, 2017

Saturday, January 14th, 2017

5:00pm

Albert Seeley

Wednesday, January 18th, 2017

**7:30am
9:15am**

Louise Koke

Patricia Renaghan

Sunday, January 15th, 2017

8:00am

Virginia Koop

10:00am

Francesco & Theresa Puglese

12:00noon

*Collective Mass & For The Parishioners of
SSPJ*

Vincent Luna

Peter Joseph Loughlin

Lawrence John Renahan

Bernadette Renahan

Thomas McKessey

Thursday January 19th, 2017

**7:30am
9:15am**

Valentine Scarpaci

Collective Mass:

Mary Castiglie Anderson

Margaret Olsen

Friday, January 20th, 2017

**7:30am
9:15am**

Michael Seigler

Vincent Luna

Monday, January 16th, 2017

**7:30am
9:15am**

Elizabeth McManus

Vincent Luna

Saturday, January 21st, 2017

**9:15am
5:00pm**

Gary Wolff

Killian O'Hara

Tuesday, January 17th, 2017

**7:30am
9:15am**

Alexander J. Barnych

Neil Russo

Sunday, January 22nd, 2017

**8:00am
10:00am
12:00noon**

Katie Farrell

Daniel Sweeney

Collective Mass & For The Parishioners of SSPJ

George Ruzicka

Margaret Browne

Milton Gonzales

Linda Stegmaier

Dotti T. Ravella

Forgiveness
is not an occasional act,
it is a permanent
attitude

- Martin Luther King Jr. -

Together, As a Parish Family, We Mourn the Passing of:

NYPD Det. Steven McDonald

May the *love* of those
around you
help you
through the
days ahead.

*Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.*

*May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*



Keeping You In Our Prayers....



Alfred Fox
Amy Delgado
Andy S.
Anita Principe
Anna Capizzio
Ann Falzarano
Anthony Malatesta
Anthony Rizzo
Antonio Fecca
Ashley Picozzi
Barbara See
Bradley Shutka
Bernadette Esposito
Bob Koop
Brett Lyons
Brett Dowling
Caitlyn Sinclair
Cathryn Nikiforow
Carol Walz
Carolann Orefice
Carole Hennessy
Charles Inserillo
Christine Shaw
Christopher Michael
Christopher Paul
Christopher Tallarico
Daisy Abruzzo
Dr. Corradino Lalli
Diane Faticone
Diane Weidner
Diego Stincone
Dolores Cea
Dolores Lacy
Dolores & Richard Hauth
Donald Stanton
Dylan Beach
Dylan Murphy
Edward Altmann
Eileen Ballerano
Eileen Zinck
Elinor Glasser
Ellen Mary Newill Boyd
Ellie I.
Eric Michelsen
Eva Alaimo
Erica Macrelli
Frank Orlik
Fred Zapf
George Sesian
George Schweers
Gerald Sullivan
Grace Giordano
Helen Astin
Helen McDowell
Helen Williams
Hollie Sramek
Jack
Jack C
Jack Scagnelli
James Schreiber
Jeanine Esposito-Tansey
Jeanne W.
Jennifer
Joel Rapzker
John Bongiorno
John C.
John McGuire
John Reif
Joseph Chick Martin
Julia McDowell Scott
Julianne

Kaitlin Cahill
Kathleen N
Kathleen Newill
Kay N
Kitty Cronin
Kylie Quigley
Laura Andrucki
Laura Michelsen
Laurette Meyers
Lee Krauer
Linda Lauro
Linda Marie N.
Lisa
Lisa Bolton
Lisa Messana
Lorraine Hanley
Louis Maddaloni
Lucas Cianci
Margaret Monfort
Mark Smith
Maria Cipriani
Martin D'Amico
Mary McCue
Mary Missbach
Mattia Therese Lubrano
Mathew DiPietro
Mathew White
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Michael Hoonhout
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Nicolina Santucci
Paula Medeiros
Patricia Esposito
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Patricia Fontana
Patricia Nidds
Patty Argentino
Pete Thompson
Peter Ambrose
Ray & Cathy Grayson
Raymond Donovan
Rebecca Devan
Richard Belardo
Richard Casio
Robert Michael Carr
Robert P. Wrenn
Rosemarie Castoro
Rosemarie LaFronz
Rosemarie Pastorelli
Ruth Weick
Sandy Polster
Scott Kirchoffer
Sharon Williams
Steve Whelan
Tara Routi
Terrance Martin
Terrence Emde
Thomas John Collins
Thomas Mooney
Tim Kelly
Valerie Geye Costas
Victor Blum
Vincent Briante
Virginia Kelly
Vito Montello
Vivien Cordes
William Lanagan

PRAY FOR OUR ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ MILITARY

**“We pray for peace in the world” and for
those who serve....**

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Weekly Collection: **Sunday, January 8th, 2017**

Sunday Collection: \$11,819

Faith Direct: \$3,823.

Children's Jug: \$2.

Total Collection: \$15,644.

Many thanks for your generous support of SSPJ.

***If you are able to take a step in your sacrificial
offering it would be greatly appreciated.***

***If you are using a collection envelope, with sincere
gratitude, we say, Thank you!***

***Kindly write the dollar amount of your contribution
on the front of the collection envelope.***

Celebrating the Liturgy- With Grateful Hearts We Serve

PRESIDER SCHEDULE—FOR January 21st & 22nd, 2017

Presider Schedule may be subject to last minute changes.

Saturday, January 21st, 2017

5:00pm Father Kevin Cronin/Dcn. John

Sunday, January 22nd, 2017

8:00am Father Patrick Osei-Poku/Dcn. Ron
 10:00am Father Patrick Osei-Poku/Dcn. Ron
 12:00Noon Father Kevin Cronin/Dcn. John

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE –FOR January 21st & January 22nd, 2017

SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 8:00AM	SUNDAY 10:00AM	SUNDAY 12:00 NOON
A. Mantia M. Fox M. Latino E. Kaleita M. Spina P. Damato P. Kaleita P. Martin D. Doran R. Piazza	E. Sica G. Beisel L. Beisel M. Kenney M. Morbillo P. Kanuika D. Mulhall T. Sica W. VanGostein P. Martin	G. Patalano M. Sehne J. Scott J. Sweeney J. Taфра L. Patalano L. Sisti M. Tangel N. Rannazzisi A. Henchel	L. Keane G. Zito C. Zito T. Boboris M. Loughlin T. Pace M. Laub B. Chandler G. Iannuccilli M. Peykar

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

SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 8:00AM	SUNDAY 10:00AM	SUNDAY 12:00 NOON
C. Nigro S. Nigro M. Page S. Page C. Redmond	K. Dobkowski S. Dobkowski K. Keese B. Keese J. Tobin	B. Dearie S. Dearie J. Scmillio A. Suchy	P. Mazzola G. Romero M. Colletta C. Tsoumpelis S. Cheeseman

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

SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 8:00AM	SUNDAY 10:00AM	SUNDAY 12:00 NOON
E. Seidell 8th Grade Lector	C. Czujko L. Willman	M. Koke C. Lombardi	J. Borelli M. Hoonhout

Saints Philip and James School

Open House and Registration

Sunday, January 29, 2017

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Saints Philip and James School is dedicated to providing a Catholic education which nourishes the respect for individual diversity, fosters cooperative learning and promotes global awareness. Our primary commitment is to integrate the Gospel message with the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development of our students, thus enabling them to become the leaders of tomorrow.



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SSPJ School News

Gaga ball fun in gym class today!



Gaga is a fast paced, high energy sport played in an octagonal pit. The more players the better! Dubbed a kinder gentler version of dodge ball, the game is played with a soft foam ball, and combines the skills of dodging, striking, running, and jumping, while trying to hit opponents with a ball below the knees

Religious Education News

No Religious Education Classes are scheduled for Monday, January 16th, 2017 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

There will NOT be Religious Education Classes for Grade 5 this week:
January 15, 2017

Communion I Grade 1:

Parent Meeting:

*****Workbooks Required*****

Tuesday, January 17th at 7pm
In the Main Trailer room

Or

Thursday, January 18th at 10:00am
In the Main Trailer Room

Grade 5:

Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, January 18th, 2017
4:45pm In the Church

Confirmation II Grade 8:

Creed Mass

5:pm In the Church



Confirmation II Grade 8: Impact Introductory Sessions: (Scheduled by Class)

Tuesday, January 17th : Session I: 7pm-7:45pm : Lopez, Martino & Salerno Classes

Session II: 8:15pm-9pm: Stickle, Meringolo, Surrusco & Toomey Classes



Ss. Philip and James Youth Ministry

Smugglers Notch Vermont Resort SNOWBOARD / SKI TRIP



February 10-12, 2017

Cost: \$245.00

Includes: Coach Bus Transportation, Slopeside Condominiums.

Saturday Night Fun Zone & Jousting Competition.

Smugglers Notch Ski Resort is rated #1 for beginners.

Also included is the Indoor Pool, Ice Skating and Snow tubing.

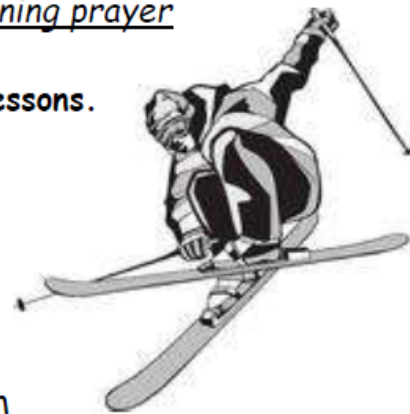
We will also be celebrating Mass and Morning prayer

The Above Cost does NOT include rentals, meals or lessons.

Please find fees below.

Rentals \$20.00 per day

Lessons \$35.00



Departure: Friday February 10th @ 2:30pm

Return: Sunday February 12th @ 10:30pm

Payment & Permission Slip are due by **Wednesday January 18, 2017.**

All Condo/Room arrangements will be left to the discretion of Frank Brancaccio.

For more Info please call the Smuggs Hotline @ 631-862-SSPJ.

Check out Smuggs.com

Getting Ready for Next Sunday

January 22nd - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time —Cycle A

Scripture Readings ONLINE

The website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides the text of the Scripture Readings. Go to: www.usccb.org. Click on the date.

Reflections on Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 8:23--9:3

Psalm 27

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Matthew 4:12-23

"It is better to light one little candle than to curse the darkness." Light and darkness symbolize tension in human living: presence and absence, hope and despair, love and hate. Today's readings present the human and divine experience of light and darkness. They reveal a God whose first biblical words are "Let there be light" (Genesis 1:3). They challenge us to be producers of light, not architects of darkness.

Isaiah, in the passage from the Hebrew Scriptures, is preaching between 733 and 725 B.C. The prophet predicts that things will get worse before they get better. But there is also a message of hope: Yahweh will provide an ideal Davidic king. Once again there will be joy. The former captives of the neo-Assyrians who walked in darkness will now witness a great light (Isaiah 9:1). Yahweh dispels darkness and gloom.

Psalm 27 is an individual lament. Enemies are afflicting the psalmist. The author's greatest fear is the absence of God. The image of light suffuses the psalm. Yahweh is the psalmist's light who vanquishes fear. The psalmist longs for Yahweh's house where the author will gaze unimpaired on Yahweh's beauty. The psalmist is also confident about seeing God's goodness in the land of the living.

Matthew uses the text of the first reading for his own theological purposes. For example, in the first reading "sea" refers to the Mediterranean: in Matthew 4:13 it refers to the Sea of Galilee. Matthew also uncovers in today's passage the beginning of Jesus' mission to the Gentiles. This is important for Matthew because his own community is made up of both Jews and Gentiles. Matthew uses a prophetic text in which the pagans overcome darkness by experiencing the light emanating from Jesus' message.

Darkness is a constant companion in our world. The poor, ill, hurting, and depressed lose the capacity to hope for light. Our Christian mission is to echo Genesis, entering this darkness with our personal "Let there be light."

- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

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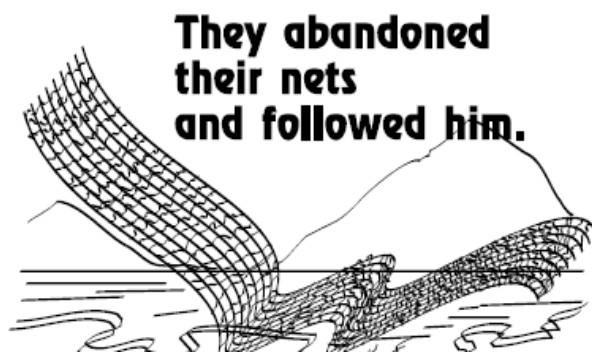
For reflection...

In this gospel story, Jesus is asking people to come along with him. Why were friends important to Jesus? Why is community itself important to Christianity?

How quickly did Peter and Andrew respond to Jesus' invitation? How fast is your response time when you are asked to give money or time to your neighbor in need? What challenges a quick response? What helps you to act?

In his gospel, Matthew quotes Isaiah's passage about this half-Jewish, half-Gentile, obscure, gloomy region of the world. It is common practice for God to use the small or humble to announce the glorious and profound. Can you think of other examples?

It's likely there will always be disagreements. How might we handle them so that good or growth can come out of them?



Orthodoxy, Sin, and Heresy

Recently, while on the road giving a workshop, I took the opportunity to go the Cathedral in that city for a Sunday Eucharist. I was taken aback by the homily. The priest used the Gospel text where Jesus says, *I am the vine and you are the branches*, to tell the congregation that what Jesus is teaching here is that the Roman Catholic Church constitutes what is referred to as the branches and the way we link to those branches is through the mass and if we miss mass on a Sunday we are committing a mortal sin and should we die in that state we will go to hell.

Then, aware that what he was saying would be unpopular, he protested that the truth is often unpopular, but that what he just said is orthodox Catholic teaching and that anyone denying this is in heresy. It's sad that this kind of thing is still being said in our churches.

Does the Catholic Church really teach that missing mass is a mortal sin and that if you die in that state you will go to hell? No, that's not Catholic orthodoxy, though popular preaching and catechesis often suppose that it is, even as neither accepts the full consequences.

Here's an example: Some years ago, I presided at the funeral of a young man, in his twenties, who had been killed in a car accident. In the months before his death he had for all practical purposes ceased practicing his Catholicism: He had stopped going to church, was living with his girlfriend outside of marriage, and had not been sober when he died. However his family and the congregation who surrounded him at his burial knew him, and they knew that despite his ecclesial and moral carelessness he had a good heart, that he brought sunshine into a room and that was a generous young man.

At the reception after the funeral one of his aunts, who believed that missing mass was a mortal sin that could condemn you to hell, approached me and said: "He had such a great heart and such a wonderful energy; if I were running the gates of heaven, I would let him in." Her comment wonderfully betrayed something deeper inside of her, namely, her belief that a good heart will trump ecclesial rules in terms of who gets to go to heaven and the belief that God has wider criteria for judgment than those formulated in external church rules. She believed that it was a mortal sin to miss mass on Sunday but, for all the right reasons, could not accept the full consequences of that, namely, that her nephew was going to hell. Deep down, she knew that God reads the heart, understands human carelessness, welcomes sinners into his bosom, and does not exclude goodness from heaven.

But that still leaves the question: Is it orthodox Roman Catholic teaching to say that it is a mortal sin to not go to church on a Sunday and that such an ecclesial lapse can send you to hell? No, to teach that categorically would itself be bordering on heresy.

Simply stated, Catholic moral theology has always taught that sin is a subjective thing that can never be read from the outside. We can never look at an action from the outside and say: "That's a sin!" We can look at an action from the outside and say: "That's wrong!" But that's a different judgment. From the outside we can judge an action as objectively wrong, but we can never make the judgment that it's a sin. Moreover this isn't new, liberal teaching, it is already found in our traditional Catechisms. Nobody can look at the action of someone else and say: "That's a sin!" To teach that we can make such a judgment goes against Catholic orthodoxy. We can, and must, affirm that certain things are wrong, objectively wrong, but sin is something else.

Probably the most quoted line from Pope Francis is his famous response to a moral question where he simply responded: "Who am I to judge?" He's in good company. In the Gospel of John, Jesus says: "You judge by appearances; I judge no one." That, of course, does not mean that there isn't any judgment. There is, it's real, and it can condemn someone to hell. But it works this way: God's Love, Life, Truth, and Light come into the world and we judge ourselves apposite them. God condemns no one, but we can condemn ourselves. It is God's Love, Life, Truth, and Light against which we weigh ourselves and these determine who goes where, already here on earth and in eternity.

*Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website www.ronrolheiser.com.
Now on Facebook www.facebook.com/ronrolheiser*

Catholics for Freedom of Religion

"... proclaim liberty throughout the land"
(Leviticus 25:10) as inscribed on the Liberty Bell

"Religious freedom is not only that of private thought or worship. It is the liberty to live, both privately and publicly, according to the ethical principles resulting from found truth." - June 20, 2014, Pope Francis

Let's celebrate America's First Freedom on Jan. 16th, when the President calls upon Americans to "observe this day through appropriate events and activities in homes, schools and places of worship."

This day is the anniversary of the passage, on Jan. 16, 1786, of the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom, drafted by Thomas Jefferson and considered one of his greatest achievements. It stopped the practice of taxing people to pay for the support of the local clergy and it protected the civil rights of people to express their religious beliefs without suffering persecution.

A Sampling of the Annual Proclamations by Presidents of the United States:

President Clinton, Jan. 15, 1998: "Among the early settlers who came to our shores, many were seeking escape from religious compulsion and persecution. William Penn, Roger Williams and others strove to make their settlements havens for freedom of conscience, laying the foundation for the great tradition of religious liberty that would ultimately be the First Amendment to the Constitution."

President Bush, Jan. 15, 2003: "Our Founding Fathers recognized that religious freedom is a right we must protect with great vigilance ... and we must be resolved to countering any means that infringe on religious freedom."

President Obama, Jan. 15, 2016: "I call on all Americans to commemorate this day with events and activities that teach us about our Nations liberty, and show us how we can protect it for future generations."

(nationaldaycalendar.com; gtbe.org; presidency.ucsb.edu; religiousfreedomday.com)
"It [religious freedom] is a fundamental right which shapes the way we interact socially and personally with our neighbors whose religious views differ from our own. Pope Francis Sept. 2015

"[May] you defend these rights, especially your religious freedom, for it has been given to you by God himself." *Pope Francis; Independence Hall, Philadelphia; September 26, 2015*



**March
for Life**

ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP

Friday, January 27, 2017

Mass will be at 4AM, bus leaves
at 5AM and returns approx.
11:30PM.

***For further information and to
register call 631-862-9370***

Community News

Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women, cordially invites you to attend our Annual Retreat at The Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, NY from March 10-12, 2017. Fr. Ariel Hernandez will be the Retreat Leader. He has been a speaker at many Charismatic Conferences and Leader of the Youth Ministry. Fr. Ariel received a special gift from the Blessed Virgin under the title of Our Lady of Schoenstatt, and he is the custodian of a miraculous image of her from Argentina. The cost is \$250 per person (including meals/room). Pre-registration is required. Space is limited and based on first-come, first serve registration. For more information, please contact ihm.magnificat.rvc@gmail.com, Angela at [516-763-1739](tel:516-763-1739), or Judy at [917-453-5750](tel:917-453-5750).

Julie Woodley, founder & director of Restoring the Heart Ministries, will be the guest speaker at the January 23rd meeting of the Long Island Coalition for Life. Julie will speak about helping post-abortive women. She is a speaker, author and certified trauma counselor. The LICL meeting starts 7:45PM at the St. Regis Council K of C hall, Rosevale Ave. & Pond Rd., Ronkonkoma. All are welcome. Further info: [631-243-1435](tel:631-243-1435); info@prolifeLI.org.

St. Joseph Renewal Center at Montfort Retreat Center, 26 S. Saxon Ave., Bay Shore, NY 11706. 631-647-8683

Living with Alzheimer's & Dementia February 1st - 1 to 2:30 pm -Free will offering. Program is held 1st Wednesday of the month until June.

Facilitators: Josephine Daspro, CSJ, D. Min. & James Morris

Guided Meditation for Inner Healing – February 1st - 7 to 8 pm.

Program is held 1st Wednesday of the month until June.

Offering \$15.00 (\$25.00 for Individual session by appointment)

Facilitator: Irene Moore, CCH/Meditation Therapist



The Parish of Saints Philip and James

One Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

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

Masses

Saturday evening: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

Monday thru Friday: 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

Saturday: 9:15 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

Thursday 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Friday 8:00pm - 9:00pm

***January 22, 2017
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time***

The Parish of Saints Philip and James

PASTORAL MINISTRY:

Rev. Thomas J. Haggerty, Pastor
Father Patrick Osei-Poku, Associate Pastor
Deacon Ronald Blasius
Deacon John Keenan
Deacon Kenneth Maher

LITURGICAL MINISTRY:

Margaret Adams, Director of Music
Michele Familette, Sacristan

RECTORY STAFF:

John Cordes, Director of Facilities
Virginia Portanova, Business Manager

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY:

Ruth E. Testa, Principal of SSPJ School
Christine Ewald, School Secretary
Suzanne Fitzgibbon, Administrator of Religious Education
Charlotte Czujko-Coordinator Grades 1-2
Barbara Luna-Coordinator Grades 3-6
Dominick Avento-Coordinator Grades 7-8
Frank Brancaccio, Youth Minister

OUTREACH MINISTRY:

Elizabeth Wittish, OFS, Dir. of Parish Social Ministry

TRUSTEE: Jerry Linder & Tina Cafaro

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Rita Byrne	Cynthia Lombardi
Claire DiCarlo	Martin Marut
Chris Donnelly	Ann Mondrone
Ryan Doyle	Mary Ann Pose
Richard Frazita	Noel Rannazzisi
Lou Guerra	Tom Sica
	Robert Thompson

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Celebrated twice a month. In order to participate in this celebration, parents must register at the Pastoral Center for our pre-baptism program.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Couples planning to marry should contact the Pastoral Center before visiting a reception hall. The preparation process is nine months before your proposed wedding date. Call the Pastoral Center for further information.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Children in the seventh and eighth grade are prepared to celebrate this Sacrament through programs of the SSPJ school or the SSPJ Religious Education Office.

Adults prepare for this Sacrament through the RCIA process. Call the Pastoral Center for further information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (Confession, Penance) Available Saturdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Church or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: In the case of serious, unexpected illness, please contact the Pastoral Center to arrange for a priest to pray with the ill person. For those about to enter the hospital, Anointing of the Sick is held on the first Sunday of the month following the mass at 12:00 p.m.

R.C.I.A.: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (non-Catholic adults desiring to become Catholic). Please contact the Pastoral Center for information.

PASTORAL CENTER OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY—THURSDAY: 9AM—8PM
FRIDAY : 9AM-5PM
SATURDAY: 9AM—2PM
SUNDAY: 10AM—2PM

Parish Office: 631-584-5454
Parish Fax: 631-862-9675
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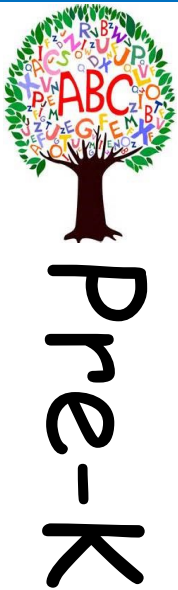
PARISH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGY AND CELEBRATION

On Sunday, February 12th, 2017 at the 12:00 Noon Mass, it will be our privilege to honor all those couples in our parish who would like to renew their marriage vows.

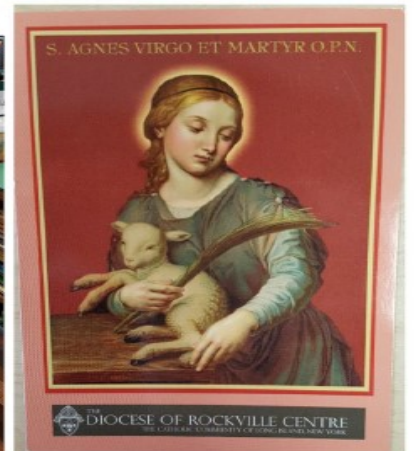
A light reception will be held in the auditorium following the Mass.

Please call the rectory office at 631 584-5454 to register if you are interested in renewing your wedding vows at this Mass. Registration information must be received no later than Monday, February 6th, 2017.

SSPJ School News



The Pre-K students at Sts. Philip & James School are learning to love Jesus as much as our patroness saint St. Agnes loved Jesus by praying 21 prayers of Thanks!



Kindergarten ROCKS

*Kindergarten has
been very busy!*

*They have been
working on their
reading skills to get
ready for first grade.*

*They have also been
very creative during
Art class with Ms.
Falco!*



Saints Philip and James School

Open House and Registration

Sunday, January 29, 2017

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Saints Philip and James School is dedicated to providing a Catholic education which nourishes the respect for individual diversity, fosters cooperative learning and promotes global awareness. Our primary commitment is to integrate the Gospel message with the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development of our students, thus enabling them to become the leaders of tomorrow.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
Communities of Faith,
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Full-day Pre-K/Kindergarten Programs

Before and After School Care

Weekly attendance at Mass

Student prayer services throughout the year

Community-related service projects

9th Grade Math Class

iPad/Chromebook Classrooms

Success on Catholic High School Entrance Exam

Foreign Languages – Spanish and Mandarin

Band Program including violin

NYSSMA Member

Variety of After School Programs/Clubs

Drama Club/Broadway Jr.

Member of Catholic Middle Schools

Athletic Association

And much more!!

For further information and to arrange a tour, please call 631-584-7896

www.sspjschool.net

Saints Philip and James Parish Calendar

For The Week of January 22nd, 2017

SUNDAY, January 22nd, 2017

8:00am	Wash Kit Gang Superbowl Raffle	School Lobby
9:00am	RCIA Weekly Sessions	Philip & James Rm.
10:15am	Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang	Auditorium
10:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Church
1:00pm	Stained Glass Club	Downstairs Mtg Rm.
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Monte Building

MONDAY, January 23rd, 2017

1:15pm	SSPJ Senior Group	Philip & James Rm
3:00pm	Girl Scout Meeting	Trailer Main Room
5:45pm	REO Confirmation II Mentor Conversations (Makeup)	Auditorium
7:00pm	REO Confirmation II Mentor Conversations	Auditorium

TUESDAY, January 24th, 2017:

1:30pm	Spirit of Prayer Group	Prayer Rm in Church
7:00pm	Catholic Daughters Meeting	Philip & James Rm.
7:30pm	Boy Scout Leadership Meeting	Monte Building
7:30pm	Impact 8th Grade	Auditorium
7:30pm	Chords of Faith Rehearsal	Choir Loft

WEDNESDAY, January 25th, 2017:

10:00am	Yoga	Trailer Room
7:00pm	Youth Ministry	Trailer Room

Thursday, January 26th, 2017:

2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church

FRIDAY, January 27th, 2017:

3:00pm	Stained Glass Club	Downstairs Mt Rm
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Monte Building
8:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church

SATURDAY, January 28th, 2017:

10:00am	Stained Glass Club	Downstairs Meet Rm
4:00pm	Wash Kit Gang Superbowl Raffle	School Lobby



Wash Kit Gang Annual Super Bowl Raffle!

Will be held after all masses This Weekend!

Please stop by and purchase raffle tickets that support the wonderful work of the SSPJ Wash Kit Gang.

All proceeds go toward providing supplies for making wash kits and messages of hope to homeless families and individuals living at shelters on Long Island.

The Wash Kit Gang Ministry also provides teaching and service opportunities for young people in our parish to help those among us that are the most vulnerable in our society.

The tickets are only \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The top prize is a Samsung 50-inch 4K television!



It's official! SSPJ is on Instagram !!
Follow us at "sspj_parish"

PLEASE FOLLOW US FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS AND REFLECTIONS!

Together , With Philip and James, We Are Church

Mass Intentions, For Week of January 22nd, 2017

Saturday, January 21st, 2017

5:00pm Killian O'Hara

Wednesday, January 25th, 2017

7:30am Joseph P. Nolan
9:15am Carlo Savoca

Sunday, January 22nd, 2017

8:00am Katie Farrell
10:00am Daniel Sweeney
12:00noon Collective Mass & For The Parishioners of SSPJ
George Ruzicka
Margaret Browne
Milton Gonzales
Linda Stegmaier
Dotti T. Ravella
Alice & Stan Grom

Thursday January 26th, 2017

7:30am Joan Todd
9:15am Collective Mass:
Margaret M. Ryan
Carolyn Miller
Maria Theresa Calautti
Fran Settoducato

Friday, January 27th, 2017

7:30am John Johnston
9:15am Barbara Brown

Monday, January 23rd, 2017

7:30am Stephan DuBon
9:15am Thomas Portanova

Saturday, January 28th, 2017

9:15am Dominic Maggio
5:00pm Helen Schmidt

Tuesday, January 24th, 2017

7:30am Angela Marie
9:15am Patricia Greene

Sunday, January 29th, 2017

8:00am Maria Rosa Calado
10:00am Letty Tsoumpelis
12:00noon Collective Mass & For The Parishioners of SSPJ
Peter Bongo
William J. Morrissey
Bernard Helderfore
Agnes Haran
Joan DeFontes

Together, As a Parish Family, We Mourn the
Passing of:

Tara Routi
Fred Zapf
Nancy Gallo
Raymond A. Donovan



VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE MARCH FOR LIFE

All those planning to attend the
March for Life in Wash. D.C. on
Friday, Jan. 27th and plan to ride the bus,
please read the following information especially the
addition of a NEW PHONE NUMBER.



If you are planning on going to D.C. for the March on
the bus, YOU MUST MAKE A RESERVATION
PLEASE CALL IGGV REINZO @ 631-265-1081
Mass is at St. Patrick's @ 4AM, continental breakfast.
Bus leaves from St. Pat's @ 5AM returns approx.
11:30PM

A WONDERFUL FAMILY GATHERING

The Respect Life Ministry would
like to thank all who came to our
Annual Respect Life Breakfast this
past Sunday, Jan. 15th in the Auditorium. It
was a warm gathering on such a cold day to
gather together to share a meal, visit and
support our efforts to help families in crisis
pregnancies. We enjoy hosting you and thank
you for your generous support of our efforts.



The Catholic Daughters Court Anna Theresa #1074

Presents

BROADWAY COMES TO ST. JAMES!



A Night of Delightful Music

Featuring the Vocal styling of

JOSEPH SMALDINO

**Gina Morgigno, Samantha Free,
Anthony Arpino**

Saturday, February 18, 2017 from 7:30-10pm

Sts. Philip and James Auditorium

359 Clinton Ave St. James NY 11780

Light appetizers will be served ~ coffee and desserts

Soda/seltzer ~ iced tea~~You are welcome to BYOB

COST \$20 per person

Tickets must be purchased/reserved in advance of the evening

For information and reservations call Virginia @ 631-361-7365

Keeping You In Our Prayers....



Alfred Fox
Amy Delgado
Andrew Seelin
Andy S.
Anita Principe
Anna Capizzio
Ann Falzarano
AnnMarie Cortina
Anthony Malatesta
Anthony Rizzo
Antonio Fecca
Ashley Picozzi
Barbara See
Bradley Shutka
Bernadette Esposito
Bob Koop
Brett Lyons
Brett Dowling
Caitlyn Sinclair
Cathryn Nikiforow
Carol Walz
Carolann Orefice
Carole Hennessy
Charles Inserillo
Christine Shaw
Christopher Michael
Christopher Paul
Christopher Tallarico
Daisy Abruzzo
Dr. Corradino Lalli
Diane Faticone
Diane Weidner
Diego Stincone
Dolores Cea
Dolores Lacy
Dolores & Richard Hauth
Donald Stanton
Dylan Beach
Dylan Murphy
Edward Altmann
Eileen Ballerano
Eileen Zinck
Elinor Glasser
Ellen Mary Newill Boyd
Ellie I.
Eric Michelsen
Eva Alaimo
Erica Macrelli
Frank Orlik
Fred Zapf
George Seserian
George Schweers
Gerald Sullivan
Grace Giordano
Helen Astin
Helen McDowell
Helen Williams
Hollie Sramek
Jack
Jack C
Jack Scagnelli
James Schreiber
Jeanine Esposito-Tansey
Jeanne W.
Jennifer
Joel Rapzker
John Bongiorno
John C.
John McGuire
John Reif
Joseph Chick Martin
Julia McDowell Scott
Julianne

Kaitlin Cahill
Kathleen N
Kathleen Newill
Kay N
Kitty Cronin
Kylie Quigley
Laura Andrucki
Laura Michelsen
Laurette Meyers
Lee Krauer
Linda Lauro
Linda Marie N.
Lisa
Lisa Bolton
Lisa Messana
Lorraine Hanley
Louis Maddaloni
Lucas Cianci
Margaret Monfort
Mark Smith
Maria Cipriani
Marie Napoli
Marissa
Martin D'Amico
Mary McCue
Mary Missbach
Mattia Therese Lubrano
Mathew DiPietro
Mathew White
Michael Flynn
Michael Kaplon
Michael Hoonhout
Michelle Bongiorno
Nick Gismondi
Nicolina Santucci
Paula Medeiros
Patricia Esposito
Patricia Monetti
Patricia Fontana
Patricia Nidds
Patty Argentino
Pete Thompson
Peter Ambrose
Ray & Cathy Grayson
Rebecca Devan
Richard Belardo
Richard Casio
Robert Michael Carr
Robert P. Wrenn
Rosemarie Castoro
Rosemarie LaFronz
Rosemarie Pastorelli
Ruth Weick
Sandy Polster
Scott Kirchoffer
Sharon Williams
Steve Whelan
Terrance Martin
Terrence Emde
Thomas John Collins
Thomas Mooney
Tim Kelly
Valerie Geye Costas
Victor Blum
Vincent Briante
Virginia Kelly
Vito Montello
Vivien Cordes
William Lanagan

PRAY FOR OUR ★★★★★ MILITARY

“We pray for peace in the world” and for those who serve....

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PRIVATE JOSHUA OLSEN, USARNG
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PFC. ANTHONY SCIAMETTA

Weekly Collection: **Sunday, January 15th, 2017**

Sunday Collection: \$15,031.

Faith Direct: \$3,823.

Children's Jug: \$61.

Snow Collection: \$3,618.

Total Collection: \$22,533.

Many thanks for your generous support of SSPJ.

If you are able to take a step in your sacrificial offering it would be greatly appreciated.

If you are using a collection envelope, with sincere gratitude, we say, Thank you!

Kindly write the dollar amount of your contribution on the front of the collection envelope.

Celebrating the Liturgy- With Grateful Hearts We Serve

PRESIDER SCHEDULE—FOR January 28th & 29th, 2017

Presider Schedule may be subject to last minute changes.

Saturday, January 28th, 2017

5:00pm Father Kevin Cronin/Dcn. Ron

Sunday, January 29th, 2017

8:00am Father Patrick Osei-Poku
 10:00am Father Tom Haggerty/Dcn. Ron
 12:00Noon Father Patrick Osei-Poku

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE –FOR January 28th & 29th 2017

SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 8:00AM	SUNDAY 10:00AM	SUNDAY 12:00 NOON
R. Willms M. Laub G. Preibe R. Byrne N. Locastro J. Giacalone K. Consenz W. Van Gostein A. Dunn B. Carey	J. Harvey B. Luna D. Mulhall N. Locastro J. Giacalone M. Koke S. McKie M. Dunn A. Mantia C. Czujko	A. Santo G. Patalano A. Giordano B. Henschel B. Gill C. Napolitano E. Law N. Rannazzisi L. Patalano J. Lavan	J. Linder M. Lebrun T. Pace D. Coppola M. Laub M. Napoli T. Boboris G. Iannuccilli P. Iannuccilli L. Keane

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE -FOR January 28th & 29th, 2017

SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 8:00AM	SUNDAY 10:00AM	SUNDAY 12:00 NOON
A. Balocca B. Bjorklund J. Scamillo A. Suchy T. Miller	R. Rock R. Rock K. Illari T. Illari M. Russo	J. Ricupero A. Nocera A. Kaiser	A. Peykar G. Vitale E. Zeman P. Bisel

LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR January 28th & 29th, 2017

SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 8:00AM	SUNDAY 10:00AM	SUNDAY 12:00 NOON
A. Gelfand 8th Grade Lector	L. Halluska E. Wittish	T. Cafaro M. Sehne	D. Quadrino B. O'Leary

Religious Education News

Grade 5:
Class Mass

Sunday, January 29th, 2017

At 10:00am

Confirmation II Mentor Conversations

Make up session:
Monday, January 23, 2017
5:45pm In the Auditorium

Last Mentor Session
7pm
(For Stickle & Meringolo classes)



Ss. Philip and James Youth Ministry

Smugglers Notch Vermont Resort SNOWBOARD / SKI TRIP



February 10-12, 2017

Cost: \$245.00

Includes: Coach Bus Transportation, Slopeside Condominiums.
Saturday Night Fun Zone & Jousting Competition.

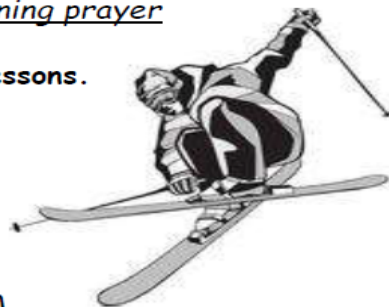
Smugglers Notch Ski Resort is rated #1 for beginners.
Also included is the Indoor Pool, Ice Skating and Snow tubing.

We will also be celebrating Mass and Morning prayer

The Above Cost does NOT include rentals, meals or lessons.
Please find fees below.

Rentals \$20.00 per day
Lessons \$35.00

Departure: Friday February 10th @ 2:30pm
Return: Sunday February 12th @ 10:30pm



Payment & Permission Slip are due by **Wednesday January 18, 2017.**

All Condo/Room arrangements will be left to the discretion of Frank Brancaccio.
For more Info please call the Smuggs Hotline @ 631-862-SSPJ.

Check out Smuggs.com

Getting Ready for Next Sunday

January 29th—4th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Cycle A

Scripture Readings ONLINE

The website of the National Council of Catholic Bishops provides the text of the Scripture Readings. Go to: www.usccb.org, then click on the date.

Reflections on Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Psalm 146

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Matthew 5:1-12

Will my real values please stand up? The communications barrage we face each day is more than willing to define values. Happiness is in the latest fad, the newest beverage, in looking out for number one. Today's readings present another challenge: Can I run the risk of being different? Look deep within to identify a personal value system.

Zephaniah preached in Jerusalem during the seventh century B.C. He addressed an audience reeling from the effects of paganism. Idolatry was rampant, violence and fraud were commonplace. The prophet believed that Yahweh had to punish Judah so that a purified people would turn again to the Lord.

Zephaniah is able to single out one group whose values have not eroded. The "humble of the land" (Zephaniah 2:3) are those who choose to obey Yahweh and practice justice. They are a remnant of loyal people whom God will spare and even defend.

Paul points out that most of his community cannot boast about their pedigree or prestige. God actually chooses those less wise, less influential, less wellborn -- in this way God confounds the rich and powerful. There is only one genuine value, namely life in Christ Jesus.

In Matthew's account of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus presents the basic plan of God's kingdom. The qualities that make for happiness in God's reign are identified. Matthew lists nine beatitudes: four stressing a passive attitude (vs. 3-6); four emphasizing an active attitude (vs. 7-10); and a final and longer one focusing on persecution (vs. 11-12).

Zephaniah, Paul, and Jesus call for an abrupt move away from the pursuit of self to concentration on the community. They suggest that we examine our values against the background of ego versus others. This trio presses us to pose an unsettling question: Will my real values please stand up?

- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

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For reflection...

In the Beatitudes, do you think Jesus is teaching a lesson or extending an invitation? Explain.

Which of the beatitudes is the hardest for you? Which do you find most appealing?

Through Moses, God gives us the Ten Commandments. Jesus gives us the Beatitudes. How do these sets of guidelines relate to each other? How do you relate to each?

In the first reading, Zephaniah speaks of the "faithful remnant", a group that remains loyal in spite of great difficulties, bad example and poor leadership. How do people remain faithful in the face of such obstacles? What helps you?

How might you explain the concept that the weak, the foolish, and the lowly can confound the strong, the wise and the strong?

Have Confidence In Your Personal Values

Taking our Wounds to the Eucharist

Recently a man came to me, asking for help. He carried some deep wounds, not physical wounds, but emotional wounds to his soul. What surprised me initially was that, while he was deeply wounded, he had not been severely traumatized either in childhood or adulthood. He seemed to have just had to absorb the normal bumps and bruises that everyone has to absorb: some belittling, some bullying, never being the favorite, dissatisfaction with his own body, unfairness within his family and siblings, career frustration, unfairness in his workplace, the sense of being chronically ignored, the sense of never being understood and appreciated, and the self-pity and lack of self-confidence that results from this.

But he was a sensitive man and the combination of all these seemingly little things left him, now in late mid-life, unable to be the gracious, happy Elder he wanted to be. Instead, by his own admission, he was chronically caught-up in a certain wounded self-absorption, namely, in a self-centered anxiety that brought with it the sense that life had not been fair to him. Consequently he was forever somewhat focused on self-protection and was resentful of those who could step forward openly in self-confidence and love. "I hate it," he shared, "when I see persons like Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul speak so with such easy self-confidence about how big their hearts are. I always fill with resentment and think: 'Lucky you!' You haven't had to put up with what I've had to put up with in life!"

This man had been through some professional therapy that had helped bring him to a deeper self-understanding, but still left him paralyzed in terms of moving beyond his wounds. "What can I do with these wounds?" he asked.

My answer to him, as for all of us who are wounded, is: *Take those wounds to the Eucharist*. Every time you go to a Eucharist, stand by an altar, and receive communion, bring your helplessness and paralysis to God, ask him to touch your body, your heart, your memory, your bitterness, your lack of self-confidence, your self-absorption, your weaknesses, your impotence. Bring your aching body and heart to God. Express your helplessness in simple, humble words: *Touch me. Take my wounds. Take my paranoia. Make me whole. Give me forgiveness. Warm my heart. Give me the strength that I cannot give myself.*

Pray this prayer, not just when you are receiving communion and being physically touched by the body of Christ, but especially during the Eucharistic prayer because it is there that we are not just being touched and healed by a person, Jesus, but we are also being touched and healed by a sacred event. This is the part of the Eucharist we generally do not understand, but it is the part of the Eucharist that celebrates transformation and healing from wound and sin. In the Eucharist prayer we commemorate the "sacrifice" of Jesus, that is, that event where, as Christian tradition so enigmatically puts it, *Jesus was made sin for us*. There is a lot in that cryptic phrase. In essence, in his suffering and death, Jesus took on our wounds, our weaknesses, our infidelities, and our sins, died in them, and then through love and trust brought them to wholeness.

Every time we go to Eucharist we are meant to let that transforming event touch us, touch our wounds, our weaknesses, our infidelities, our sin, and our emotional paralysis and bring us to a transformation in wholeness, energy, joy, and love.

The Eucharist is the ultimate healer. There is, I believe, a lot of value in various kinds of physical and emotional therapies, just there is immeasurable value in 12-Step programs and in simply honestly sharing our wounded selves with people we trust. There is too, I believe, value in a certain willful self-effort, in the challenge contained in Jesus' admonition to a paralyzed man: *Take up your couch and walk!* We should not allow ourselves to be paralyzed by hyper-sensitivity and self-pity. God has given us skin to cover our rawest nerves.

But, with that being admitted, we still cannot heal ourselves. Therapy, self-understanding, loving friends, and disciplined self-effort can take us only so far, and it is not into full healing. Full healing comes from touching and being touched by the sacred. More particularly, as Christians, we believe that this touching involves a touching of the sacred at that place where it has most particularly touched our own wounds, helplessness, weaknesses, and sin, that place, where God "was made sin for us". That place is the event of the death and rising of Jesus and that event is made available to us, to touch and enter into, in the Eucharistic prayer and in receiving the body of Christ in communion.

We need to bring our wounds to the Eucharist because it is there that the sacred love and energy that lie at the ground of all that breathes can cauterize and heal all that is not whole within us.

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website www.ronrolheiser.com. Now on Facebook www.facebook.com/ronrolheiser

Make Me Whole...

Community News

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation is one of life's most traumatic experiences; often resulting in feelings of loneliness and grief. When those feelings remain it can be overwhelming and hard to move forward. The Beginning Experience weekend is a grace filled time to focus on you...to feel understood by peers and experience a sense of peace and a renewed hope for the future.

The next weekend is on Long Island at the Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore on February 24th – 26th, 2017. For information and reservations, call Mary at (516) 413-6209, Jim at (718)474-3779 or John at (516)822-0635

St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center has a volunteer position open in our on-site print shop. Training is available to learn the computerized printing program and lamination. Ability to work with small sign equipment is necessary. Hours are generally in the morning 8am-noon. If interested please call the Volunteer Department: 631-862-3523

Still in need of Eucharistic Ministers in St. Catherine of Siena Nursing and Rehab Care Center

St Catherine of Siena Nursing and Rehabilitation Care Center is in need of Eucharistic Ministers
Flexible Schedules Available: Weekdays or Sunday Please consider volunteering one or two hours a week.

For Information: Please Contact

St. Catherine of Siena - Office of Public Affairs 631-862-3523 or email

maryellen.mccrossen@chsl.org

CATHOLIC CHARITIES – EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are always looking for individuals to join the ministry of Catholic Charities and offer "Care With Dignity...Life With Hope."

ON CALL LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES (LPNs) – Talbot House, Chemical Dependence Services, Bohemia, LI
(12.5 hr. shifts; Need flexible availability including weekends & holidays)

Talbot House is a 24-hour voluntary chemical dependence Crisis Center, providing short-term medically monitored inpatient withdrawal and stabilization services to adults in crisis. We are seeking NYS licensed LPNs to work on call, monitoring, evaluating & caring for our clients. **HS/GED and work experience that demonstrates the ability to independently evaluate & triage clients' medical/psychiatric conditions necessary.** Experience working with individuals with chemical addictions is a strong plus!

To apply, transmit resume & cover letter via email or fax. **Please reference "Talbot On Call LPN" in the subject line of your email/fax.** Fax: 516.733.7038
Email: jobs@catholiccharities.cc

For a full listing of jobs and their descriptions, please go to: www.catholiccharities.cc and click on the "jobs" tab.
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Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women, cordially invites you to attend our Annual Retreat at The Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, NY from March 10-12, 2017. Fr. Ariel Hernandez will be the Retreat Leader. He has been a speaker at many Charismatic Conferences and Leader of the Youth Ministry. Fr. Ariel received a special gift from the Blessed Virgin under the title of Our Lady of Schoenstatt, and he is the custodian of a miraculous image of her from Argentina. The cost is \$250 per person (including meals/room). Pre-registration is required. Space is limited and based on first-come, first serve registration. For more information, please contact ihm.magnificat.rvc@gmail.com, Angela at [516-763-1739](tel:516-763-1739), or Judy at [917-453-5750](tel:917-453-5750).

Julie Woodley, founder & director of Restoring the Heart Ministries, will be the guest speaker at the January 23rd meeting of the Long Island Coalition for Life. Julie will speak about helping post-abortive women. She is a speaker, author and certified trauma counselor. The LICL meeting starts 7:45PM at the St. Regis Council K of C hall, Rosevale Ave. & Pond Rd., Ronkonkoma. All are welcome. Further info: [631-243-1435](tel:631-243-1435); info@prolifeLI.org.

St. Joseph Renewal Center at Montfort Retreat Center, 26 S. Saxon Ave., Bay Shore, NY 11706. 631-647-8683

Living with Alzheimer's & Dementia February 1st - 1 to 2:30 pm –Free will offering. Program is held 1st Wednesday of the month until June.

Facilitators: Josephine Daspro, CSJ, D. Min. & James Morris

Guided Meditation for Inner Healing – February 1st - 7 to 8 pm.

Program is held 1st Wednesday of the month until June.

Offering \$15.00 (\$25.00 for Individual session by appointment)

Facilitator: Irene Moore, CCH/Meditation Therapist



The Parish of Saints Philip and James

One Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

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

Masses

Saturday evening: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

Monday thru Friday: 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

Saturday: 9:15 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

Thursday 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Friday 8:00pm - 9:00pm

January 29, 2017
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Parish of Saints Philip and James

PASTORAL MINISTRY:

Rev. Thomas J. Haggerty, Pastor
Father Patrick Osei-Poku, Associate Pastor
Deacon Ronald Blasius
Deacon John Keenan
Deacon Kenneth Maher

LITURGICAL MINISTRY:

Margaret Adams, Director of Music
Michele Familette, Sacristan

RECTORY STAFF:

John Cordes, Director of Facilities
Virginia Portanova, Business Manager

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY:

Ruth E. Testa, Principal of SSPJ School
Christine Ewald, School Secretary
Suzanne Fitzgibbon, Administrator of Religious Education
Charlotte Czujko-Coordinator Grades 1-2
Barbara Luna-Coordinator Grades 3-6
Dominick Avento-Coordinator Grades 7-8
Frank Brancaccio, Youth Minister

OUTREACH MINISTRY:

Elizabeth Wittish, OFS, Dir. of Parish Social Ministry

TRUSTEE: Jerry Linder & Tina Cafaro

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Rita Byrne	Cynthia Lombardi
Claire DiCarlo	Martin Marut
Chris Donnelly	Ann Mondrone
Ryan Doyle	Mary Ann Pose
Richard Frazita	Noel Rannazzisi
Lou Guerra	Tom Sica
	Robert Thompson

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Celebrated twice a month. In order to participate in this celebration, parents must register at the Pastoral Center for our pre-baptism program.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Couples planning to marry should contact the Pastoral Center before visiting a reception hall. The preparation process is nine months before your proposed wedding date. Call the Pastoral Center for further information.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Children in the seventh and eighth grade are prepared to celebrate this Sacrament through programs of the SSPJ school or the SSPJ Religious Education Office.

Adults prepare for this Sacrament through the RCIA process. Call the Pastoral Center for further information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (Confession, Penance) Available Saturdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Church or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: In the case of serious, unexpected illness, please contact the Pastoral Center to arrange for a priest to pray with the ill person. For those about to enter the hospital, Anointing of the Sick is held on the first Sunday of the month following the mass at 12:00 p.m.

R.C.I.A.: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (non-Catholic adults desiring to become Catholic). Please contact the Pastoral Center for information.

PASTORAL CENTER OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY—THURSDAY: 9AM—8PM
FRIDAY : 9AM-5PM
SATURDAY: 9AM—2PM
SUNDAY: 10AM—2PM

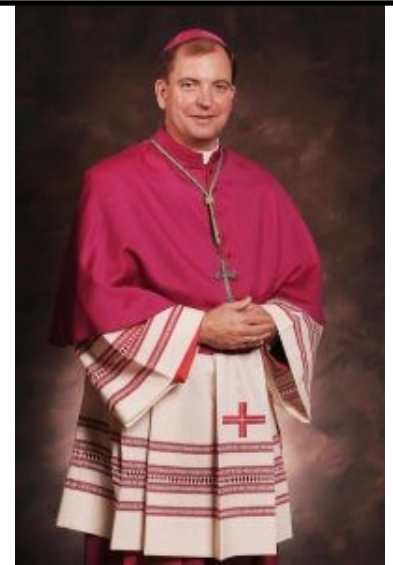
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Congratulations to Bishop Barres

"As the Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, I will be dedicated to supporting the global mission of mercy of our Holy Father Pope Francis, a mission that is in harmonious continuity with the mission of all the Holy Fathers I have loved – St. Peter, St. John XXIII, Blessed Paul VI, Pope John Paul I, St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI.

In The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis says: "Jesus can break through the dull categories with which we would enclose him and he constantly amazes us by his divine creativity. Whenever we make the effort to return to the source and to recover the original freshness of the Gospel, new avenues arise, new paths of creativity open up, with different forms of expression, more eloquent signs and words with new meaning for today's world."

Excerpts from Bishop Barres 12/9/16 statement from DRVC website



Installation Mass

January 31, 2017

Cathedral of St. Agnes

*There are no tickets available to the Evening Vespers or Installation Mass. **Télécare**, the diocesan television station, will have coverage of the Evening Vespers service on Monday, January 30, 2017, beginning at 6:45 pm. For the Mass of Installation on January 31, 2017, coverage will begin at 1:15 pm. **Télécare** can be seen on Optimum 29/137, Verizon FiOS 296*

SSPJ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS –SEMINARIAN BREAKFAST SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, 2017



Seminarian Breakfast **Sunday February 12th, 2017**



Knights of Columbus will be hosting a full breakfast to help support Seminarians.

**Please join us in the auditorium
after the 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00noon masses**

\$10.00 per person

\$25.00 per family (Parents and children under 18)

Luke 6:40 *"The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher."*



PARISH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGY AND CELEBRATION

On Sunday, February 12th, 2017 at the 12:00 Noon Mass, it will be our privilege to honor all those couples in our parish who would like to renew their marriage vows.

A light reception will be held in the auditorium following the Mass.

Please call the rectory office at 631 584-5454 to register if you are interested in renewing your wedding vows at this Mass. Registration information must be received no later than Monday, February 6th, 2017.

SSPJ Facilities Managers Report 2016-Present

Main School

Summer cleaning was addressed and completed.

New classroom shades on all windows and doors.

Stairwells / corridors - stripped and cleaned. Paint and repair touch-ups.

Auditorium and kitchen areas stripped and cleaned.

New lighting down center of auditorium.

Kitchen repainted reorganized – eliminated old appliances.

Art room and auditorium repairs from flooding completed.

School main hallway and lobby touch-up painting.

Multi-purpose room – new windows, flooring, painting.

AIS room – new flooring – painting.

Trim and painting completed over outside back entrance doors (near girls bathroom).

Mrs. Ewald's office painted.

Carbon Monoxide detectors placed in each classroom / meeting room to Smithtown codes.

New A/C window units in Faculty room / nurse's office / principal's office.

Hot water heater in Nurse's office.

Water testing on all faucets – passed inspection.

Testing of ceiling tiles in auditorium – passed inspection.

Heating

– 3 step process – using existing heat with state-of-the-art Johnson controls and digital thermostats in each classroom to eliminate overheating.

Step 1 - Completed over Christmas break.
Six (6) classrooms fitted with digital thermostats

Step 2 - To be completed over February break.
Remaining classrooms / offices to be fitted with digital thermostats

Step 3 - To be completed over Easter break. Three-way split of heating loop - School/Church/Auditorium.
Each will have their own zones.

Slated to begin early Spring:

Repair / resurface / restriping of the side and rear school parking lot

Summer project – anticipated

Two (2) classrooms remodeled

To be addressed – *School lobby doors – front and rear*

SSPJ Facilities Managers Report 2016-Present

Old Schoolhouse

New classroom shades for all windows.

Gas conversion completed

Gas meter fenced in

Gas pipes boxed-in – classrooms/hallways

New heating system installed in attic

All heating ductwork boxed in

All damaged/broken/stained ceiling tiles replaced

Three (3) new LED EXIT combo lights installed at classroom exit doors

Two (2) new hexagon windows installed – one in front (25A) one on side (Carow Pl)

Shutters installed on front (25A) Science Room window and Science Room window facing Carow Pl.

Entrance to Grade 6 & Grade 7 repaired

New sign on school building – 25A

Cupola taken down and new one constructed and replaced on roof

Removal of old oil tank and soil testing

Removal of old sign on 25A

All faucets water tested and passed inspection

Grounds

Soil testing surrounding old oil tank – passed inspection / no leakage

Level and install sprinkler system in front of Monte

Constructed base for Mother Seton statue

Addressed grass and minor landscaping around Mother Seton statue

New 500 watt LED lights installed on light poles

Additional Security spotlights added to buildings and grounds

Shrubbery / trees along parking lot trimmed back

Playground – removal of old slide. Trees trimmed back

Needs to be addressed in Spring – new mulch to bring play areas into code (Risk Management)

TO BE COMPLETED OVER FEBRUARY BREAK:

Safety glass to be installed in classroom hallway doors.

TO BE ADDRESSED OVER SUMMER BREAK:

Removal of all old cast iron radiators from all classrooms and hallways.

Repair/paint floors and walls after removal of old radiators.

Saints Philip and James School

Open House and Registration

Sunday, January 29, 2017

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Saints Philip and James School is dedicated to providing a Catholic education which nourishes the respect for individual diversity, fosters cooperative learning and promotes global awareness. Our primary commitment is to integrate the Gospel message with the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development of our students, thus enabling them to become the leaders of tomorrow.



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Saints Philip and James Parish Calendar

For The Week of January 29th, 2017

SUNDAY, January 29th, 2017

8:00am	Wash Kit Gang Superbowl Raffle	School Lobby
9:00am	RCIA Weekly Sessions	Philip & James Rm.
10:00am	SSPJ School OPEN HOUSE	School/Auditorium
10:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Church
10:30am	REO Grade 5 Class Mass	Church
1:00pm	Stained Glass Club	Downstairs Mtg Rm.

MONDAY, January 30th, 2017

5:45pm	REO Confirmation II Mentor Conversations (Makeup)	SSPJ Room
7:00pm	REO Confirmation II Mentor Conversations	SSPJ Room
7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting	Auditorium

TUESDAY, January 31st, 2017:

1:30pm	Spirit of Prayer Group	Prayer Rm in Church
4:30pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Choir Loft
7:30pm	Boy Scout Leadership Meeting	Monte Building
7:30pm	Impact 8th Grade	Auditorium
7:30pm	Chords of Faith Rehearsal	Choir Loft

WEDNESDAY, February 1st, 2017:

10:00am	Yoga	Trailer Room
4:00pm	Peace & Justice Meeting	Philip & James Rm
7:00pm	Youth Ministry	Trailer Room

Thursday, February 2nd, 2017:

10:00am	REO Grade 3 & 4 Catechist Workshop	Philip & James Rm
2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:00pm	REO Grade 3 & 4 Catechist Workshop	Philip & James Rm
7:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30pm	Pre-Baptism Class	Philip & James Rm

FRIDAY, February 3rd, 2017:

9:15am	8th Grade Pinning	Church
3:00pm	Stained Glass Club	Downstairs Mt Rm
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Monte Building
8:00pm	First Friday Nocturnal Adoration	Church

SATURDAY, February 4th, 2017:

10:00am	Stained Glass Club	Downstairs Meet Rm
11:30am	REO Communion II 1st Reconciliation	Church
1:30pm	REO Communion II 1st Reconciliation	Church



Wash Kit Gang Annual Super Bowl Raffle!

FINAL WEEKEND!

Please stop by and purchase raffle tickets that support the wonderful work of the SSPJ Wash Kit Gang.

All proceeds go toward providing supplies for making wash kits and messages of hope to homeless families and individuals living at shelters on Long Island.

The Wash Kit Gang Ministry also provides teaching and service opportunities for young people in our parish to help those among us that are the most vulnerable in our society.

The tickets are only \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The top prize is
a
Samsung 50-inch 4K television!

Together , With Philip and James, We Are Church

Mass Intentions, For Week of January 29th, 2017

Saturday, January 28th, 2017

5:00pm Helen Schmidt

Sunday, January 29th, 2017

8:00am Maria Rosa Calado
10:00am Letty Tsoumpelis
12:00noon Collective Mass & For The Parishioners of SSPJ
Peter Bongo
William J. Morrissey
Bernard Helderfore
Agnes Haran
Joan DeFontes

Monday, January 30th, 2017

7:30am Ethel Jessup
9:15am Christopher Michael Thomas (Living)

Tuesday, January 31st, 2017

7:30am Christine Hurtado (Living)
9:15am Frank Cafaro, Jr.

Wednesday, February 1st, 2017

7:30am Frank Cafaro, Jr.
9:15am Richard Brown

Thursday February 2nd, 2017

7:30am George Lundin
9:15am Collective Mass:
Ernest Schiavone
Lorraine C. Levix

Friday, February 3rd, 2017

7:30am Paul Kovalesky
9:15am Dawn Marie Benz

Saturday, February 4th, 2017

9:15am Jimmy Scafa
5:00pm Robert, Thomas & Josephine Zirpoli

Sunday, February 5th, 2017

8:00am Father James Maltese
10:00am Dominica May Sapienza
12:00noon Collective Mass & For The Parishioners of SSPJ
Angela Marie Muratore
Nancy Mallio
Dorothy Preston
Loretta Giarusso
Elizabeth McManus

Together, As a Parish Family, We Mourn the Passing of:

***Hedwig Zielinski
Joseph P. Martin***



*"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.
Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven."*

Our Bread & Wine, Altar Candles and Pro-Life Rose are a wonderful way to memorialize a loved one or special family occasion.

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***Pro Life Rose \$15.00
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Joseph Chick Martin
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Weekly Collection: **Sunday, January 22nd, 2017**

Sunday Collection: \$14,579.

Faith Direct: \$3,823.

Children's Jug: \$52.

Total Collection: \$18,454.

Many thanks for your generous support of SSPJ.

***If you are able to take a step in your sacrificial
offering it would be greatly appreciated.***

***If you are using a collection envelope, with sincere
gratitude, we say, Thank you!***

***Kindly write the dollar amount of your contribution
on the front of the collection envelope.***

Celebrating the Liturgy- With Grateful Hearts We Serve

PRESIDER SCHEDULE—FOR February 4th & 5th, 2017

Presider Schedule may be subject to last minute changes.

Saturday, February 4th, 2017

5:00pm Father Tom Haggerty/Dcn. John

Sunday, February 5th, 2017

8:00am Father Tom Haggerty/Dcn. Ron
 10:00am Father Patrick Osei-Poku/Dcn. John
 12:00Noon Father Patrick Osei-Poku/Dcn. Ron

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE –FOR February 4th & 5th 2017

SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 8:00AM	SUNDAY 10:00AM	SUNDAY 12:00 NOON
M. Laub P. Damato P. Rizzo N. Locastro J. Giacalone K. Consenz J. Primavera H. Collins C. Boyen D. Coppola	E. Sica G. Beisel T. Boboris M. Kenney M. Morbillo C. Czujko R. Doda, Sr. T. Sica W. VanGostein P. Martin	C. Napolitano L. Keane B. Gill G. Patalano J. Lavan J. Scott J. Sweeney J. Tafrā L. Patalano B. Luna	J. Linder M. Loughlin L. Keane D. Coppola G. Iannuccilli M. Lebrun J. Hanrahan P. Iannuccilli T. Pace

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE -FOR February 4th & 5th, 2017

SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 8:00AM	SUNDAY 10:00AM	SUNDAY 12:00 NOON
M. Pappas A. Suchy B. Balocca R. Greene V. Scarpelli	J. Auleta L. Auleta A. Willman B. Willman L. Willman	C. Donnelly S. Donnelly B. Roberts A. Kaiser	C. D'Agostino D. Regan G. Romero I. Cole M. Colletta

LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR February 4th & 5th, 2017

SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 8:00AM	SUNDAY 10:00AM	SUNDAY 12:00 NOON
C. Lombardi 8th Grade Lector	P. Kanuika S. Cavooris	T. Cafaro T. Contrino	M. Hoonhout J. Borelli

Parish Social Ministry

Parish Social Ministry is collecting new and gently used warm coats.

There is a special need for Women's and Children's coats.

Your generosity in sharing a laundered or dry cleaned coat is greatly appreciated as their recipients cannot afford to do so.

Coats will be collected from
January 30th, 2017 thru February 8, 2017.

Please bring your donations to the Parish Center Office.

If you should have any questions, please contact the Parish Social Ministry Office
at 631-584-5454



Ss. Philip and James Youth Ministry

Smugglers Notch Vermont Resort SNOWBOARD / SKI TRIP



February 10-12, 2017

Cost: \$245.00

Includes: Coach Bus Transportation, Slopeside Condominiums.
Saturday Night Fun Zone & Jousting Competition.

Smugglers Notch Ski Resort is rated #1 for beginners.

Also included is the Indoor Pool, Ice Skating and Snow tubing.

We will also be celebrating Mass and Morning prayer

The Above Cost does **NOT** include rentals, meals or lessons.

Please find fees below.

Rentals \$20.00 per day

Lessons \$35.00

Departure: Friday February 10th @ 2:30pm

Return: Sunday February 12th @ 10:30pm



Payment & Permission Slip are due by Wednesday January 18, 2017.

All Condo/Room arrangements will be left to the discretion of Frank Brancaccio.

For more Info please call the Smuggs Hotline @ 631-862-SSPJ.

Check out Smuggs.com

Religious Education News

Way to Go 8th Grade Religious Ed Confirmation II Students!!!

Dear Sts. Philip & James Parish,

On behalf of the patients, families and the Child Life Department at Stony Brook Children's, we would like to express our deepest thanks for your wonderful donation. The toys and books you donated helped to make illness and hospitalization easier for our patients and their family members, especially during the holiday season. The patients were very happy and excited when they received one of your gifts!

When children are hospitalized they are comforted by special gifts that help them to relax, heal and play. We truly appreciate your thoughtful donation to the Child Life Program at Stony Brook Children's. You should feel great about yourselves and the joy that you helped bring to our patients. We thank you for bringing happiness and smiles to our children through your generosity and kindness!

Sincerely,

The Child Life Team
Stony Brook Children's Hospital

Confirmation II Mentor Conversation

Monday, January 30th, 2017
In the SSPJ Room

5:45pm Make Up Session

7:00pm Conversation for Stickle & Meringolo
classes

Confirmation II 8th Grade

Tuesday, January 31st, 2017

IMPACT OPENING NIGHT

7:30pm-9pm in the Church

Grade 3 & 4 Catechist Workshop

Thursday, February 2nd, 2017

10:00am or 7:00pm

In SSPJ Room

Communion II Reconciliation Services

Saturday, February 4th, 2017

11:30am and 1:30pm

Scheduled by class

SSPJ School News



The second grade is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on February 4th.

Second grade science is awesome. We did experiments with different types of matter and how they reacted with substances we found in our kitchens



Our school is getting ready to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We decorated wooden crosses to present to our special guest at a luncheon next week.

**Save
the
Date**

***The Dine Around Is
Coming back to
Town!!!***

Bringing Back The

Dine

Around

*Sts. Philip & James 18th Annual Dine Around
will be held Monday,
April 3rd at 7:00pm*

Getting Ready for Next Sunday

February 5th - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time —Cycle A

Scripture Readings ONLINE

The website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides the text of the Scripture Readings. Go to: www.usccb.org . Click on the date.

Reflections on Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 58:7-10

Psalms 112; 1

Corinthians 2:1-5

Matthew 5:13-16

Specially trained individuals are often asked to shed light on areas of confusion and uncertainty. Light eliminates our darkness and eases our tension. The metaphor of light goes all the way back to the first chapter of Genesis when the creation of light means the end of chaos. This same imagery is found in today's Scriptures.

Around 500 B.C. the author of Isaiah 56-66 confronted the post-exilic community in Judah. They complained that their fasting did not have any positive results. In response the prophet points out that a genuine fast means someone has benefited. For example, if bread is shared with the hungry "then your light shall break forth like the dawn" (Isaiah 58:8).

Psalms 112 is constructed around this proverb: The righteousness of the just lasts forever but the desire of the wicked is frustrated. The psalmist sees great blessing for the righteous, "They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright" (Psalm 112:4). The image of light clarifies the thrust of graciousness, mercy, and justice.

Matthew sees the persecuted as the world's benefactors. Harassed Christians are commissioned to enlighten humanity, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). Matthew develops this dimension of Christian discipleship by comparing Christ's followers to a city perched on a hill, clear and visible. Disciples shed light on darkness; to renege on this task would be to hide a lamp under a bushel basket.

The narrow constraints of ego often focus the spotlight on one's self. Society encourages this kind of individualism. Light is made into a personal commodity. The sacred writers today urge us to reassess our gifts and talents -- our lights -- as property of the community. Our sisters and brothers are truly human subjects within range of our generosity and compassion. To enlighten the path of these fellow humans is to magnify God's presence. Darkness cedes to light, and chaos gives way to order.

- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

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You are the salt of the earth



For reflection...

Today's readings remind us that God uses "ordinary" aspects of life to reveal love, and invites us to do the same. What ordinary "salt" in the form of people or events has helped season your life? How have you seasoned the lives of others?

When have you experienced being the light of the world? Are there "bushel baskets" which keep your light from shining? How might that basket be tended to or removed?

In what ways might we move beyond ourselves to be salt and light to those in need within and beyond our parish?

What does binding the wounds of others have to do with your own wounds? Who benefits when people share their bread or shelter the homeless? Explain.

St. Paul says our faith rests on the power of God. How have you experienced that?



Light...the "end" to chaos

Acedia and Sabbath

Early Christian monks believed in something they called, *Acedia*. More colloquially, they called it, *the Noonday Devil*, a name that essentially describes the concept. Acedia, for them, was different from ordinary depression in that it didn't draw you into the dark, chaotic areas of your mind and heart, to have you diseased before your own complex and infinite depth; it was more of a flattening out, a dearth of energy, that put you into a semi-vegetative state that simply deadened all deep feeling and thoughts.

The early church considered it one of the seven capital sins. Later it was renamed as *Sloth*. There's an abundance of good spiritual literature on the concept of acedia, not least Kathleen Norris' rather definitive work on how acedia was understood by the early church.

But until recently, acedia hadn't been studied in depth as a psychological concept. Happily that's changing, with important implications for spirituality. To offer just one example: I recently attended a lecture on acedia given by a Jungian specialist, Lauren Morgan Wuest. I cannot do justice to her full thesis here, but let me risk an over-simplified synopsis.

Having read the literature of the Desert Fathers and the various commentaries on the idea of acedia, she attempted to interface that spiritual literature with the insights of contemporary psychology, particularly those from the Jungian school of thought. What were her conclusions?

In brief, her view is that acedia is not a clinical diagnosis, meaning that it isn't a pathology requiring treatment, nor is it an ordinary depression. Rather the symptoms of acedia are the result of a healthy instinctual reflex of our bodies and minds which, when they not given something they need, sometimes forcefully shut us down, much like an ordinary depression shuts someone down; except that in the case of acedia, the shutdown of energy is for the purpose of health. Simplistically put, because we won't sit down on our own and give our bodies and minds the rest, nourishment, and space they need, our bodies and minds conspire together to sit us down, forcibly. In essence, that's acedia, and, in essence, it's for our own health.

As a psychologist, she didn't go on to draw out the potential ramifications of this for spirituality, particularly how this might relate to the practice of Sabbath in our lives, but all the implications are there.

When you read the Judeo-Christian scriptures, particularly the early sections in Genesis which chronicle the creation of the world and how God "rested" on the Sabbath, you see that there's a divinely-ordered rhythm to how work and rest are supposed to unfold in our lives. Briefly stated, there's to be pattern, a rhythm, to our lives which works this way: *You work for six days, and then have a one day sabbatical; you work for seven years, and then have a one-year sabbatical; you work for seven times seven years, and then have a Jubilee year, a sabbatical for the whole planet; and then you work for a lifetime, and go on an eternity of sabbatical.*

In essence, our lives of work, our everyday agenda, and our normal anxieties, are to be regularly punctuated by a time in which we lay down the hammer, lay down our agenda, lay down our work-a-day worries and simply sit, rest, vegetate, enjoy, soak-in, luxuriate, contemplate, pray, and let things take care of themselves for a while. That's the biblical formula for health, spiritual, human, psychic, and bodily. And whenever we don't do this voluntarily, in effect, whenever we neglect to do Sabbath in our lives, our bodies and minds are likely to do it for us by shutting down our energies. Acedia is our friend here: We will do Sabbath, one-way or the other.

It's no secret that today the practice of Sabbath is more and more disappearing within our culture. Indeed, our culture constitutes a virtual conspiracy against the practice of Sabbath. Among the many culprits responsible for this, I highlight our addiction to information technology, our current inability to go for any stretch of time without being connected to others and the world through a phone, a commuter pad, or a computer screen. We are finding ourselves less and less able to step away from all that we are connected to through information technology, and consequently we are finding ourselves less and less able to simply rest, to let go of things, to be in Sabbath-mode. Perhaps the most important ascetical practice for us today would be the practice of Cyber-Sabbaths.

Already seven hundred years ago, the Sufi poet, Rumi, lamented: *I have lived too long where I can be reached!* That's a cry for Sabbath time that went up long before today's information technology placed us where we can always be reached, and that cry is going up everywhere today as our addiction to information technology increases. One worries that we will not find the asceticism needed to curb our addiction, but then acedia may well do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

*Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website www.ronrolheiser.com.
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Rest...

Community News

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation is one of life's most traumatic experiences; often resulting in feelings of loneliness and grief. When those feelings remain it can be overwhelming and hard to move forward. The Beginning Experience weekend is a grace filled time to focus on you...to feel understood by peers and experience a sense of peace and a renewed hope for the future.

The next weekend is on Long Island at the Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore on February 24th – 26th, 2017. For information and reservations, call Mary at (516) 413-6209, Jim at (718)474-3779 or John at (516)822-0635

St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center has a volunteer position open in our on-site print shop. Training is available to learn the computerized printing program and lamination. Ability to work with small sign equipment is necessary. Hours are generally in the morning 8am-noon. If interested please call the Volunteer Department: 631-862-3523

Still in need of Eucharistic Ministers in St. Catherine of Siena Nursing and Rehab Care Center

St Catherine of Siena Nursing and Rehabilitation Care Center is in need of Eucharistic Ministers
Flexible Schedules Available: Weekdays or Sunday Please consider volunteering one or two hours a week.
For Information: Please Contact
St. Catherine of Siena - Office of Public Affairs 631-862-3523 or email maryellen.mccrossen@chsl.org

Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women, cordially invites you to attend our Annual Retreat at The Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, NY from March 10-12, 2017. Fr. Ariel Hernandez will be the Retreat Leader. He has been a speaker at many Charismatic Conferences and Leader of the Youth Ministry. Fr. Ariel received a special gift from the Blessed Virgin under the title of Our Lady of Schoenstatt, and he is the custodian of a miraculous image of her from Argentina. The cost is \$250 per person (including meals/room). Pre-registration is required. Space is limited and based on first-come, first serve registration. For more information, please contact ihm.magnificat.rvc@gmail.com, Angela at 516-763-1739, or Judy at 917-453-5750.

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Living with Alzheimer's & Dementia February 1st - 1 to 2:30 pm –Free will offering. Program is held 1st Wednesday of the month until June.

Facilitators: Josephine Daspro, CSJ, D. Min. & James Morris

Guided Meditation for Inner Healing – February 1st - 7 to 8 pm.

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Offering \$15.00 (\$25.00 for Individual session by appointment)

Facilitator: Irene Moore, CCH/Meditation Therapist