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

December 29th, 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

"Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly."
Colossians 3

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

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

STS. PHILIP & JAMES PASTORAL STAFF

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Website—www.sspj.org

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

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Stewardship, A Way of Life…

You heard our plea and graciously answered … Thank you for sharing your treasure, small acts filled with hope make great things happen!

THANK YOU

Sacraments

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE FOR US IN YOUR PRAYERS

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Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget: ***$17,800.***
Weekly Collection: Sunday , December 22nd, 2019 ***$ 14,117.***
Faith Direct: ***$ 2,877.***

Total Weekly Collection: ***$16,994.***

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

Christmas Day has come and gone, but the Christmas Season continues on!

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. As we, in our current time, look at the three members of the Holy Family, we are invited to let them be real, so as to become heralds of hope for our own family living.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph were real. They had no secret knowledge you and I don't have. What did Mary and Joseph learn at Bethlehem? Mary and Joseph learned that God comes into the messiness of life and doesn't tidy things up! Rather, God breaks open new possibilities in what already is. God's offer is to enlarge our capacity for relationship and growth and change and love. How? By empowering us to create win/win situations rather than win/lose situations.

So often today we hear that family life is in crisis. If we let the Bethlehem scene be real we see that family life has always been in crisis. What are the particulars we know about this family? The Scriptures tell us that the family history included a premarital teenage pregnancy. There was almost a broken engagement. They lived for a time as a migrant family in a foreign country. The child was lost, ran away for a couple of days. Joseph died an early death. Mary, therefore, became a grieving widow and a single parent. Many of the relatives thought that Jesus was crazy, out of his mind. Their travels and religious involvement put them in contact with all kinds of people — elderly people, hungry people, refugees, marginal people.

Put it all together and what does it suggest? That stress is a normal part of family life! It's a myth to think otherwise. A holy family, a healthy family is one which is able to deal creatively with stress and builds strength precisely out of the stress. It's a family in which God is found in the real and not is some unattainable ideal.

Congratulations and thanks to our choirs for the wonderful treat they provided at the Christmas concert. And special kudos to Margaret Adams, our Music Director, for all she does in her ministry of lifting our hearts to the Lord!

Many thanks also to all who so richly blessed us during our Christmas liturgies! The choirs, cantors, ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, servers and all who came to herald the birth of the Prince of Peace brought joy to our world!

January 1st is traditionally set aside by the Pope as the World Day of Peace. Prayers for peace are so needed in this time of violence at home and abroad. As we honor Mary, the Queen of Peace, I invite each of us to renew or to take for the first time the "Vow of Non-Violence" printed in the bulletin. Taking this vow is a concrete way in which we can help make real the peace and harmony God always desires for us. Is this easy? No, it isn't. Read the vow carefully. Pray about it. And hopefully you will choose to commit (or recommit) to this vow as the new year begins.

And,

My friend asked me where I see myself in the new year. How would I know?
I don't have 2020 vision!

Peace,

Father Tom

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

New Years Mass Schedules

New Years Eve~ Tuesday, December 31st, 2019
5:00pm Mass

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God ~ New Years Day ~
Wednesday, January 1st, 2020:

Mass at 9:00am
Mass at 12:00noon

Overcome Indifference and Find Peace ~World Day of Peace Jan 1

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, 2019

"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.

The RCIA Team would like to thank all those who participated in the 'sessions after Mass – Catholicism 101' these past few months.

It was a delight to share with you. We will resume our regular sessions at 9am on January 5th, in the Philip and James room for anyone who would like to continue to learn or may be looking to complete their sacraments.

We will return during the season of LENT to present topics for your Lenten Journey. Keep an eye out in our great bulletin for our return. Happy Feast of the Holy Family, may you be blessed.

"Into the Darkest Hour"

It was a time like this,
War & tumult of war,
a horror in the air.
Hungry yawned the abyss-
and yet there came the star
and the child most wonderfully
there.

It was time like this
of fear & lust for power,
license & greed and blight-
and yet the Prince of bliss
came into the darkest hour
in quiet & silent light.

And in a time like this
how celebrate his birth
when all things fall apart?
Ah! Wonderful it is
with no room on the earth
the stable is our heart.

~Madeleine L'Engle

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 6, 2020

Speaker and Topic: To Be Announced

The men of the Men's Forum joins the Parish of Sts. Philip and James in rejoicing at the birth of our Savior Lord Jesus Christ. We thank God for the blessings of this past year and through the intercession of the Mother of God, we ask for God's grace and peace in the New Year.

Join us for inspiring talks and fellowship. Experience new opportunities to be open to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit in how the Lord is calling us to grow as Catholic men of faith.

2020 Meeting Dates

Jan. 6	March 23
Jan. 27	April 13
Feb. 10	May 4
Feb. 24	May 18
March 9	June 8

NEW MEETING TIMES: Holy Hour: 7-8 PM, Main Church
Speaker Presentation: 8-9 PM, Bethany Center *(Old Church)* **• Coffee & Cake Social: 9-9:30 PM**

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

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

Website: www.sspjmensforum.org

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My Contact Information :

(Name as you would like it to appear in acknowledgement)

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Contact Phone #: _____

Accepting sponsorship from December 22nd, 2019 ~ February 24th, 2020

Kindly return Sponsorship form to Parish Center Office

For more information please contact Marianne Koke at 631-335-7111

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AVAILABLE ONLY: January 6th-January 30th, 2020

The Magic Of Ireland~

Saturday, March 7th, 2020

Celebration begins at the 5:00pm mass of Irish inspiration

Then continues on the other side of the rainbow with

A traditional Irish dinner; live music by

Gerry Finlay and the Cara Band,

dancing, raffles, door prize and Fun!

Ticket includes: Dinner, beer, soda, dessert & coffee

The Magic of Ireland ~ Ticket Form

Guest Name(s):_____ _____

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Magic of Ireland: EARLY BIRD SPECIAL: $100.00 =TWO TICKETS AND A ONE BOOK OF RAFFLE TICKETS

($130. Value) EARLY BIRD AVAILABLE ONLY: January 6th-January 30th, 2020

 # Tickets:_____ ***At: $40.00 per person ~Total Enclosed:***_____

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

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

Celebrating the Sacrament of the Sick

Beginning Sunday, January 5th, 2020 we will celebrate this beautiful sacrament on the FIRST SUNDAY of the Month

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 8AM MASS

Prayer Shawls, lovingly made by members of the Prayer Shawl ministry will be blessed during Mass

Anointing of the Sick

I was anointed before during a serious illness. May I be anointed again?
I'm having major surgery in a few weeks. When should I be anointed?
I suffer from severe arthritis. Am I eligible to be anointed?

With our renewed understanding of the Anointing of the Sick, many questions such as those above are asked. The introduction to the rite states that this sacrament is intended for *"those Christians whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age."* (#97) As our knowledge of the human person has grown, we recognize that illness may be not only physical, but also psychological, emotional and spiritual. When a condition seriously affects how we live our lives, celebrating the Anointing of the Sick may be appropriate. Many persons advancing in years live full and active lives. However, some may be confronted with increasing limitations, perhaps not due to a specific illness. These persons may also wish to celebrate the sacrament, seeking God's peace.

So, at a celebration of the Anointing of the Sick we may find a variety of people gathered – people struggling with serious illness, both critical or chronic; older people seeking strength to adjust to physical limitations; persons struggling with an addiction or depression; persons preparing for imminent surgery; etc. Also gathered will be members of the community, family and friends, all joining in praying for God's healing and peace for those being anointed.

After being anointed once, when may a person seek the sacrament again? This depends on the person's situation. If a new illness or limitation develops, people may wish to celebrate the sacrament again. If there is a relapse or reoccurrence of an illness, the sacrament may be celebrated again. If a condition is chronic or ongoing, or if a person continues to struggle with daily limitations, some prayerful reflection is advised to discern when it might be appropriate to be anointed again. Consultation with a priest is helpful in discerning the timing of celebrating again.

What might the effects of celebrating this sacrament be?

"The first grace of this sacrament is one of strengthening, peace and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness or the frailty of old age." (CCC#1520) The Second Vatican Council reminded us that *"the purpose of the sacraments is to make people holy, to build up the Body of Christ and to give worship to God."* (SC #59) Through the celebration of this sacrament, those being anointed seek to gain strength, hope and healing – though the kind of healing is entrusted to God. We don't call the shots! We unite ourselves more closely with Jesus, who also knew pain and suffering. We trust that Jesus walks with us, sharing our burden, offering us peace – his peace.

Those celebrating the
Anointing of the Sick
are examples for all of us
of the power of faith.
Their prayer does
"build up the Body of Christ"
– that is, us.
And we who celebrate with them
enrich our own faith
as we support their journey.

CELEBRATING THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK AT SSPJ

Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on the first Sunday of the month following the 8am Mass, beginning January 5th.

If someone in need of anointing is unable to come to Mass, please contact the rectory so that arrangements may be made for the priest to anoint at home. Again, family and friends are encouraged to be present, joining in prayer for the person who is ill. The priest will bring all that is needed for the sacrament with him. You may wish to light a candle, as a sign of Christ, our Light, shining through any darkness of illness.

SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of December 29th 2019

Sunday, December 29th, 2019

8:30am	*RCIA*	*Cantina*
7:00pm	*AA Meeting*	*Monte Building*

Monday, December 30th, 2019:
No Events scheduled

Tuesday, December 31st, 2019:
No Events Scheduled

Wednesday, January 1st, 2020:
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
No Events Scheduled

Thursday, January 2nd, 2020:

2:00pm	*Eucharistic Adoration*	*Church*
7:30pm	*Pre –Baptism Class*	*SSPJ Room*

Friday, January 3rd, 2020

7:00pm	*AA Meeting*	*Philip & James Roo*
8:00pm	*First Friday Nocturnal Adoration*	*Church*

Saturday, January 4th, 2020

12:30pm	*Troop 7 Court of Honor Eagle Scout*	*Auditorium*
5:00pm	*Children's Liturgy*	*Church*

Sunday, January 5th, 2020:

8:30am	*RCIA Sessions*	*SSPJ Room*
10:00am	*Children's Liturgy*	*Auditorium*
11:00am	*Stained Glass*	*Stained Glass WKSHP*
7:00pm	*AA Meeting*	*Sts. Philip & James Room*

Thank you Lord, for giving us the gift of a brand New Year Ahead

May we traverse each day seeking to follow your will

Ever grateful for the bounty of blessings you bestow upon us...

Religious Education Ministry

URGENT! TO ALL PARENTS OF STUDENTS REGISTERED IN THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: YOU MUST REGISTER YOUR FAMILY WITH FLOCK NOTES PER THE DIRECTIONS BELOW:

As we approach the Winter season all relevant information regarding cancellations will be posted using Flocknotes: If you have any questions, please contact the Religious Ed office at 631-584-5454

First and Second Grade Parents or Catechists: TEXT the word **SSPJ-Communion** *(no spaces)* to number **84576** and follow the instructions on your phone

For Third thru Sixth Grade Parents or Catechists: TEXT the word **SSPJ-CRE** *(no spaces)* to number **84576** and follow the instructions.

For Seventh and Eighth Grade Parents or Catechists: TEXT the word **SSPJ-Confirm** *(no spaces)* to number **84576** and follow the instructions on your phone

Thank you for your attention to this very important issue.

Growing Together in Faith

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES WILL NOT BE HELD:

DECEMBER 23, 2019 THRU JANUARY 3RD, 2020

CLASSES WILL RESUME: THE WEEK OF JANUARY 6TH, 2020

Wishing all our students and their families a Blessed New Year!

SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION: For GRADES: 1, 2, & 3

THIS REFLECTION IS TO BE SHARED AT MASS ON:

SATURDAY, OR SUNDAY, January 4th & January 5th, 2020

December 29th, 2019

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The Gospel of: Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

My Name Is:_____

I Am In Grade:_____

My Catechist "Teacher's" Name Is:_____

Gospel Message:

In a dream, God tells Joseph to flee Egypt to protect Jesus from King Herod

Saint Joseph took very good care of Jesus and Mary, how do you take care of your family, your pets, your friends?

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My Weekly Prayer:

Dear Lord

I pray, please bless my family, friends and loved ones with Your love and protect them from harm. Give them grace to forgive, strength to overcome all the difficulties they face and keep them together when the world tries to pull them apart.

Thank You Lord. Amen.

Please color

SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION: For GRADES: 4,5 & 6

THIS REFLECTION IS TO BE SHARED AT MASS ON:

SATURDAY OR SUNDAY, January 4th & 5th, 2020

December 29th, 2019

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

My Name Is:_____

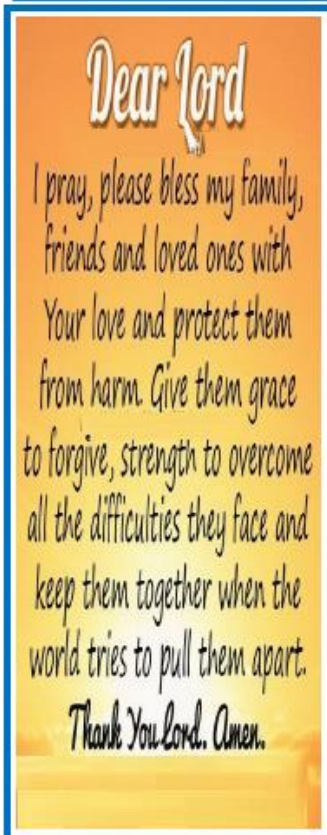
I Am In Grade:_____

My Catechist Name Is:_____

Gospel Message: The Gospel of Matthew: 2:13-15,19-23

Gospel Message:

In a dream, God tells Joseph to flee Egypt to protect Jesus from King Herod



The Holy Family

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WORD BANK:

ANGEL, HEROD, JOSEPH, NIGHT, DREAM, ISRAEL, JUDEA, GALILEE, JESUS, NAZARETH

Saints Philip and James RC Church

SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION: For GRADES: 7 & 8 Confirmation I & II

THIS REFLECTION IS TO BE SHARED AT MASS ON:

SATURDAY, January 4th & 5th, 2020

December 29th, 2019

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The Gospel of: Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

Student's Name :_____

I Am In Grade:_____

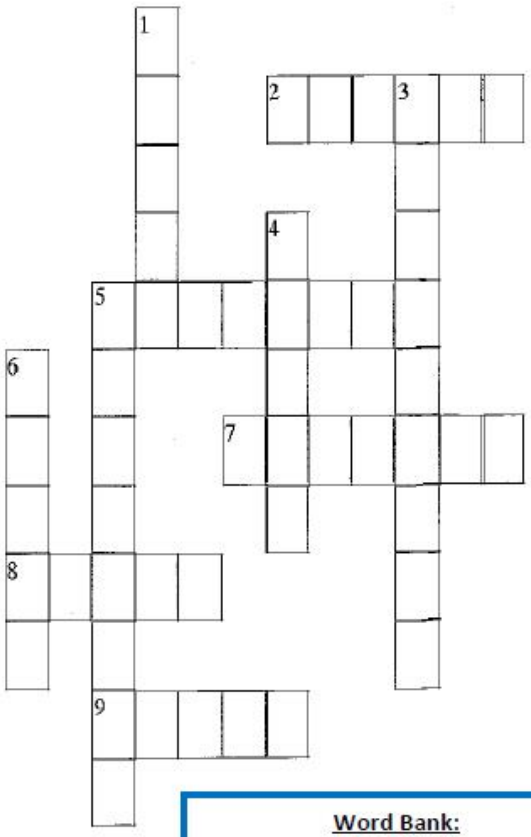
My Catechist Name Is:_____

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

In a dream, God tells Joseph to flee Egypt to protect Jesus from King Herod

Flight to Egypt

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23



Across

2. The Holy Family returned from Egypt and went to the land of _____.
5. Jesus' home town.
7. Where the Holy Family settled on returning from Egypt.
8. King who wanted to kill Jesus.
9. He appeared to Joseph.

Down

1. Herods kingdom.
3. Herod's son.
4. Why Joseph returned to nazareth.
5. People in Jesus' home town were called ----------.
6. Joseph, Mary and Jesus left at this time.

Word Bank:

Judea, Israel, Nazareth, Archelaus, Galilee, Dream, Night, Nazorean,

Mass Intentions, For the week of December 29th, 2019

Saturday, December 28th, 2019

5:00pm *Jack Duffy*

Sunday, December 29th, 2019

8:00am *Christmas Novena*
10:00am *Phillip Giarraputo Sr., Angelo & Theresa Marinello*
12:00Noon ***Collective Mass:***
Cecelia Murray
Margaret Schmitz
James B. Ficht
Tom Kovacik
Marie Regis

Monday, December 30th, 2019

7:30am *Christmas Novena*
9:15am *Joachim Melo*

Tuesday, December 31st, 2019

7:30am *Christmas Novena*
9:15am *No Intentions*
5:00pm

Wednesday, January 1st, 2020~Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00am *Christmas Novena*
12:00pn *Christmas Novena*

Thursday, January 2nd, 2020~St. Basil & Gregory

7:30am *Christmas Novena*
9:15am ***Collective Mass:***
Larry Roemer

Friday, January 3rd, 2020

7:30am *Anneliese Engere*
9:15am *Susan Renda*

Saturday, January 4th, 2020~St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

9:15am *Joan Purcell*
5:00pm *Joseph Caltabiano*

Sunday, January 5th, 2020~Epiphany of the Lord

8:00am *For the Parishioners of Sts. Philip & James*
10:00am *Patrick Kelly*
12:00Noon ***Collective Mass:***
Virginia Kelly
Steven Conroy
Art Walsh

Our Altar Candles

For the Week of December 29th, 2019

Are burning
In Memory of,

Dominick Caponegro, Jr.

We Love you and miss you,

Jean & Children

Our Pro-Life Rose

For the Week of

December 29th, 2019

Is Offered In Memory of,

Thomas & Kathleen Fleming

Prayer for Comfort

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless your friends who are sick. Give them the strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain.
Let them recover their health, so that, restored to the Christian community, they may joyfully praise your name, for you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen

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

Allison Ioli,
Angela Amoroso
Angelo Peluso
Anthony A
Antoinette Rotolo
Anna Capizzio
Baby Adeline
Baby Kennedy
Baby Mattia Rose Lubrano
Belinda Vega
Brian R.
Bob Keenan,
Charles Morgan
Daniel Radice
Deirdre W
Donalea Donach & Peter
Ellie Walsh
Elinor Glasser
Gregory Parker
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Time? : 1:00 – 2:30 sign in at 12:45 following 12:00 Mass
Where? : **Auditorium**

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If you are interested in our next Peanut Butter Sunday, please complete the registration form, below and return it to the Pastoral Center by Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Sorry but if you are not registered; we may not be able to accommodate you.

TIME CHANGE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Peanut Butter and Jelly Gang

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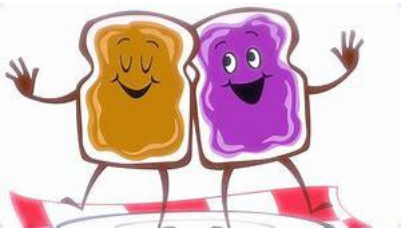

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Nursery A

Vincent Bo is an Apostle of Hope. Vincent is such a kind friend. Vincent sets a great example in the classroom on how to follow directions and play nicely with others. Vincent's compassion and big smile makes him a wonderful disciple of Jesus.

Nursery B

Cameron Iannello is an Apostle of Hope. Cameron is a sweet boy and plays well with all his friends. He is always excited to learn something new about God. He brings a smile to everyone's face and is a joy to have in our class.

Juliette Struss is an Apostle of Hope. Juliette shows her love of God everyday in our class. Her positive attitude and caring heart help her to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. You can always count on Juliette for a helping hand or to bring a smile to your face.

Pre-Kindergarten

Giovanna Perciballi is an Apostle of Hope. Giovanna always follows the classroom rules and participates in all activities. She eagerly sits on the carpet during whole group lessons and looks forward to whatever we are working on.

Gianna Antonelli is an Apostle of Hope. Gianna always works hard and tries her best. She takes her time during independent work to make sure she is doing her best work.

Conner Wahl is an Apostle of Hope. Conner is a hard worker and is always eager to learn. He follows classroom routines and is a good role model for the other students.

Kindergarten

Gabriella Scott is an Apostle of Hope. Gabriella works hard and always tries her best. She has been working hard on her handwriting especially. She is a sweet girl and always looks out for her friends. She tries every day to set a good example and do what Jesus would do.

First Grade

Alex Cotter is an Apostle of Hope. Alex always works hard and tries his best every day. Alex is actively involved in the classroom and in our school. He always enters the classroom with a smile on his face and makes sure to say good morning to all of his friends. Alex is always showing how to be a good follower of Jesus.

Second Grade

Mikaela Grimaldi is an Apostle of Hope. Mikaela works hard each day to do her best work just like Jesus. Mikaela is a good friend to everyone in her class and always offers to help when a classmate needs help. Mikaela attends Mass every Sunday and turns in her reflections each week. Mikaela is looking forward to making her First Communion in May.

Third Grade

Raizel Silvestre is an Apostle of Hope. She comes to school each day ready to learn and do her best. She is kind and a friend to all her classmates. Raizel is a role model for the entire class.

Fourth Grade

Rosalia Radosta is an Apostle of Hope. Rosalia is a sweet, kind girl who is friendly to everyone. She comes to school ready to learn, and willing to help others. Rosalia is a hard-working student who tries her best. She is an active member in our church and she completes her weekly Mass reflections. Rosalia sings in the school choir and she has recently trained to be an altar server.

Benjamin Wos is an Apostle of Hope. Ben is responsible and comes to school prepared. He works hard on his assignments and he works well in cooperative learning groups. Ben enjoys participating and volunteering in class. Ben is an active member in church. He completes his weekly Mass reflections and he has trained to be an altar server. Great job Ben!

Fifth Grade

Angelise Ramirez is an Apostle of Hope. Angelise is new to the school, yet it seems like she's always been a part of our SSPJ family. She is a kind and helpful friend to all in the classroom. She participates in Mass every week and turns in her reflections. Anglise is an experienced gymnast and flutist in our band.

Liam Regan is an Apostle of Hope. Liam always comes to school with a smile on his face, ready to start his day. He is a respectful student and a helpful friend. Liam is an experienced member of our band. He also participates in Mass and submits his reflections.

Sixth Grade

Madison McCulloh is an Apostle of Hope. Madison puts forth tremendous effort to be the best student she can be. She is both generous and kind to all her classmates and has a positive attitude in school. She has answered God's call by singing in our school choir for the past 3 years. Madison has recently begun leading us in song as Cantor in church.

Seventh Grade

Savannah Colby is an Apostle of Hope. Savannah comes into class every day ready to learn, and she does so with a smile on her face. Savannah is *always* ready to lend a helping hand and abides by instructions; no questions asked. Savannah's positive attitude and outlook on life, as well as her ability to smile and push through when she faces challenges, is inspiring. Savannah approaches every day with a fresh start; something that many people struggle to do. Savannah hands in weekly reflections, showing her continuous want to follow the word of God.

Eighth Grade

Maeve O'Connor is an Apostle of Hope. Maeve is a conscientious student and always strives to do her best in the classroom. Maeve serves as a monitor in the nursery classroom and she is a new member of the student council. Maeve attends mass regularly and completes her reflections. In addition to her academics Maeve also participates on various teams in CMSAA.

Faculty

Miss Brittany is an Apostle of Hope. Miss Brittnay always has a smile on her face and spreads cheer and happiness everywhere she goes. She is a moderator for Stained Glass club and Sign Language club. Miss Brittany is a welcomed addition to the SSPJ staff and takes very good care of the Pre-K students.

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PRESIDER SCHEDULE–FOR January 4th & January 5th, 2020

Saturday, January 4, 2020 5:00pm	Sunday, January 5th, 2020 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, January 5th, 2020 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, January 5th, 2020 12:00 MASS
Father Patrick Osei-Poku	**Father Patrick Osei-Poku**	**Father Tom Haggerty**	**Father Tom Haggerty**

Eucharistic Minister Schedule–For January 4th & January 5th, 2020

Saturday, January 4th, 2020	Sunday, January 5th, 2020	Sunday, January 5th, 2020	Sunday, January 5th, 2020
5:00PM	**8:00 AM MASS**	**10:OO AM MASS**	**12:00 NOON MASS**
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D. Earl	W. Haff	L. Tepedino	
E. Kaleita	J. Harvey	J. Alternative	P. Agoglia

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

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE -FOR January 4th & 5th, 2020

Saturday, January 4, 2020	Sunday, January 5, 2020	Sunday, January 5, 2020	Sunday, January 5, 2020
5:00PM MASS	**8:00AM MASS**	**10:00 AM MASS**	**12:00 NOON MASS**
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LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR January 4th & 5th, 2020

Saturday, January 4, 2020	Sunday, January 5, 2020	Sunday, January 5, 2020	Sunday, January 5, 2020
5:00PM MASS	**8:00 AM MASS**	**10:00AM MASS**	**12:00 NOON MASS**
M. Dreschler	S. Cavooris	T. Cafaro	M. Cashman
8th Grade Student	P. Kanuika	M. D'Amelia	M. Hoonhout

January 5, 2020 • Epiphany of the Lord • Year A

It Seemed Irrational

This Week's Readings at Mass

- Isaiah 60:1-6 - Glory of the new Zion
- Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 - Commission to preach God's plan
- Matthew 2:1-12 - The visit of the magi

The story of the magi following the star to Bethlehem to find the baby Jesus is one of the most heartwarming parts of the Christmas story. The Greek word for the foreign visitors is best translated "magi" although in popular understanding they are sometimes called the "Three Kings" or the "Three Wise Men." Whoever they were, they are an example to us of great courage and trust. They willingly left their home countries to travel for an unknown distance in search of a newborn child they knew nothing about. They packed expensive gifts (a dangerous/courageous act when traveling overland in those days) and met with the most powerful man in the country, King Herod, on their quest to find the baby.

When they found the baby in an unassuming little town in an ordinary family, their hearts told them they were in the right place and they were overjoyed. The humble surroundings didn't stop them from worshiping the little child and then offering their lavish gifts to him. After that, they dared to listen to their dreams and defy the King, thereby protecting the vulnerable child. Probably none of what they did seemed rational to those around them, but because they followed an inner guidance, we still celebrate their journey today.

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"They were overjoyed at seeing the star... they opened their treasures and offered him gifts."

Sheepish Question:

Instead of wishing, how can I put my faith in Jesus—the true light of the world—into action?

Questions of the Week

1. Do you know someone who has done something to follow his/her heart which seemed completely irrational at the time but turned out for good? Please share.

2. When have you followed your intuition/inner guidance/Holy Spirit even though it went against cultural or family norms? How did it bear fruit?

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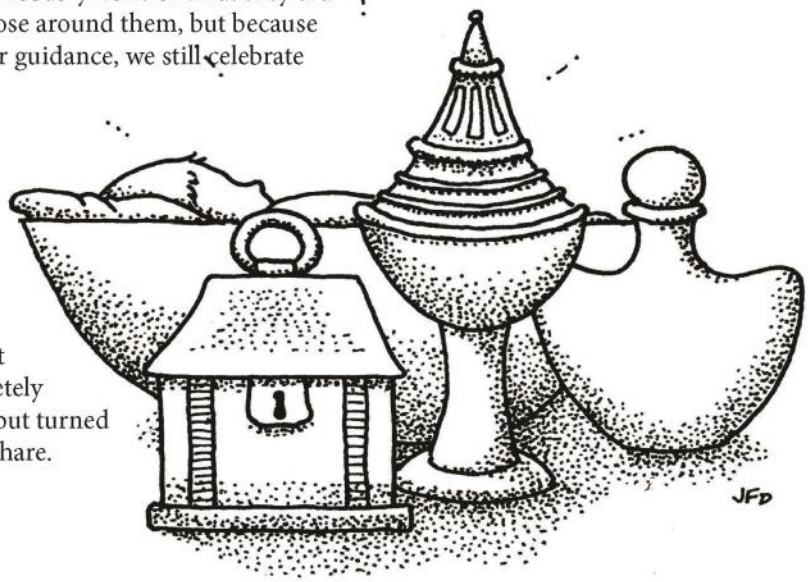

Spiritual Reflection by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

The Christ-Child of the Year

Christmas 2017

Every year *Time* magazine recognizes someone as “Person of the Year”. The recognition isn’t necessarily an honor; it’s given to the person whom *Time* judges to have been the newsmaker of the year – for good or for bad. This year, instead of choosing an individual to recognize as newsmaker of the year, it recognized instead a category of persons, the *Silence Breakers,* namely, women who have spoken out about having experienced sexual harassment and sexual violence.

Part of the challenge of Christmas is to recognize where Christ is being born in our world today, where two thousand years after the birth of Jesus we can again visit the stable in Bethlehem, see the new-born child, and have our hearts moved by the power of divine innocence and powerlessness.

For Christmas this year, I suggest we honor refugee children as the “Christ-Child of the Year”. They bring as close to the original crib in Bethlehem as we can get within our world today because for them, as for Jesus two thousand years ago, there is no room at the inn.

Jesus’ birth, like his death, comes wrapped in paradox: He came as God’s answer to our deepest desire, badly wanted, and yet, both in birth and in death, the outsider. Notice that Jesus is born outside the city and he dies outside the city. That’s no accident. He wasn’t born a “wanted” child and he wasn’t an accepted child. Granted, his mother, Mary, and those with genuine religious hearts wanted him, but the world didn’t, at least not on the terms on which he came, as a powerless child. Had he come as a superstar, powerful, a figure so dominant that knees would automatically bend in his presence, a messiah tailored to our imagination, every inn door would have opened to him, not just at birth but throughout his whole life.

But Christ wasn’t the messiah of our expectations. He came as an infant, powerless, hidden in anonymity, without status, invited, unwanted. And so Thomas Merton describes his birth this way: *Into this world, this demented inn, in which there is absolutely no room for Him at all, Christ has come uninvited. But because He cannot be at home in it, because He is out of place in it, and yet He must be in it, His place is with those others for whom there is no room.*

There was no room for him at the inn! Biblical scholars tell us that our homilies and imaginings about the heartlessness of the innkeepers who turned Mary and Joseph away on Christmas Eve miss the point of that narrative. The point that the Gospels want to make here is not that the innkeepers in Bethlehem were cruel and calloused and this singular, poor, peasant couple, Joseph and Mary, were treated unfairly. The motif of “no room at the inn” wants rather to make a much larger point, the one Thomas Merton just highlighted, namely, that there’s never room in our world for the real Christ, the one who doesn’t fit comfortably into our expectations and imaginings. The real Christ generally shocks our imagination, is a disappointment to our expectations, comes uninvited, is perennially here, but is forever on the outside, on the periphery, excluded by our imaginations and sent packing from our doors. The real Christ is forever seeking a home in a world within which there’s no room for him.

So who best fits that description best today? I suggest the following: *Millions of refugee children.* The Christ-Child can be seen most clearly today in the countless refugee children who, with their families, are being driven from their homes by violence, war, starvation, ethnic cleansing, poverty, tribalism, racism, and religious persecution. They, and their families, best fit the picture of Joseph and Mary, searching for a room, outsiders, powerless, uninvited, no home, no one to take them in, on the periphery, strangers, labeled as “aliens”. But they are the present-day Holy Family and their children are the Christ-Child for us and our world.

Where is the crib of Bethlehem today? Where might we find the infant Christ to worship? In many places, admittedly in every delivery room and nursery in the world, but “preferentially” in refugee camps; in boats making perilous journeys across the Mediterranean; in migrants trekking endless miles in hunger, thirst, and dangerous conditions; in people waiting in endless lines to be processed in hope of being accepted somewhere, in persons arriving at various borders after a long journey only to be sent back; in mothers in detention centers, holding their young and hoping; and most especially, preferentially, in the faces of countless refugee children.

The face of God at Christmas is seen more in the helplessness of children than in all the earthly and charismatic power in our world. And so today, if we want, like the shepherds and wise men, to find our way to the crib in

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