



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

# March 31, 2019

## Fourth Sunday Of Lent



*"For this my son was dead, and is alive again;  
he was lost, and is found." Luke 15:24*

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

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

*Sunday ~ Closed*

*Monday: 9am-8pm*

*Parish Center office Hours*

*Tuesday & Wednesday: 9am-8pm*

*Thursday: 9am-5pm*

*Friday: Closed*

*Saturday: 10am-2pm*

*Parish Center Phone ~ 631-584-5454*

*Parish Center Fax~ 631-862-9675*

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*SSPJ School—Principal Diane M. Anderson*

School Phone : 631-584-7896 School Fax: 631-584-3258

*Sacraments*

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

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

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

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

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

*RCIA*— Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (non-Catholic adults desiring to become Catholic) are asked to contact the Parish Center Office.

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

## Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

Today we hear the powerful story of the Prodigal Son, a parable on family life reminding us that the reality of living family life is a challenge! Love demands a great deal from every one of us. It's not easy to be the "father" who loves unconditionally. It's painfully difficult to face our own prodigal-like failures and sins. As the "older brother," it is beyond comprehension not to demand accountability from those who hurt us and our family. Are you the younger or the older son? Fr. Larry Gillick, SJ, shares:

*One interpretation of this parable is that each of us combines both sons in our self. The elder part of us is ordered, strict, obedient, logical, exact, dutiful, and pleased with our own good works. We have the proper tickets. The younger part of us is inconsistent, envious, wandering, self-satisfying, independent, and stubborn. We each have quite a war within. Our elder-side would like to tie down the younger-side tightly. Our self-righteousness does not want that looser side to be seen by anybody. It wants to appear well, better than it knows itself to be....*

*We too live in that tension between the self-righteous and the self-redeemed-by-Christ. Those who judge others severely are victimized by their own self-centered severity. Those who are forgiven tend to be forgiving of others.*

Forgiveness begins by seeing things through the eyes of the other. It is to embrace the other's hurts and doubts and fears, to understand their struggle to make sense of things. This week we pray that the vision of God's love, complete and unconditional, illuminates our vision, allowing us to see through the eyes of others, enabling us to both forgive and seek forgiveness.

During Lent, students in both Religious Education and SSPJ School have been celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Many thanks to all who have prepared them so well!

Please remember in your prayers our young people preparing for Confirmation. They are participating in small group retreats, readying themselves for the gift of the Spirit.

Easter is quickly approaching. We still hope to meet our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal by Easter. Thank you to all who have already pledged or donated. Please, if you have not already pledged or donated, consider being part of this effort which benefits so many on Long Island.

And,

*Three friends - a surgeon, an engineer and a politician – were discussing which of their professions was the oldest. The surgeon: "Eve was created from Adam's rib – a surgical procedure." The engineer replied: "Before Adam and Eve were created, order was created out of chaos and that was an engineering job." The politician responded: "Yes, but who do you suppose created the chaos?"*

Peace,

*Father Tom*

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



# Vacation Bible Camp Registration Begins April 1st!

Saints Philip and James  
Office of Youth Ministry  
631-584-5454



## Vacation Bible Camp

Week 1: July 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>

(Or)

Week 2: July 29<sup>th</sup>-Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>

Registration is available for either Week 1 or Week 2

(Curriculum will be the same for both weeks.)

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

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

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

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

#### CAMPER REGISTRATION 2019

WEEK 1: JULY 22 -26 \_\_\_\_ (OR) WEEK 2: JUL 29-AUG 2 \_\_\_\_

Camper's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (as of 9/19) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Contact # \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size (Children's) S M L (Adult) S M L XL



All Are Invited to Attend  
Hospitality Sunday

Prepared by the  
Knights of Columbus  
Next Weekend: April 7th  
After the 8am and 10am  
Masses

*Please stop by for light fare  
and faith sharing with our  
Parish Family.*

***Second Collection This Weekend for  
Catholic Relief Services***

This weekend, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad.

Please give generously to the collection, and ***help Jesus in disguise.*** Learn more about the collection

at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

# A Lenten Evening of Prayer for Women

Joining Mary at the feet of Jesus

Monday, April 8, 2019

At 7:00pm

In the Bethany Center

Presented by: Tina Cafaro and Elizabeth Wittish

*Spending time alone with God is an essential part of the Christian life. Time when we can rest in his presence, read his word and speak to him in prayer. However, many of us are consumed by our busy lifestyles and responsibilities. As a result, we can easily push this time to the side and give it less priority.*

*Does that sound like you at all?*

All are Invited and Encouraged to Attend

***All are Invited to The Bethany Center on Friday mornings at 10am to view a 30 minute presentation from FORMED.***

### **Stations of the Cross**

***Friday, April 5***

***The Cross and Human Hungers—  
Stations are prayed in the Church  
Friday's in Lent at 7:00pm***

### **Lenten Regulations 2019**

Traditionally, the Lenten Season is a time of penance throughout the Catholic Church. Lent is a season in which prayer, the reception of the sacraments, charity and almsgiving are emphasized. Fast and abstinence are to be observed Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

#### **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday:**

These are days of *Fast and Abstinence from meat*. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

#### **Days of Abstinence: (All Fridays in Lent):**

All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

### ***Eucharistic Adoration***

***Thursday at 2pm in the Church  
Friday at 8pm in the Church***

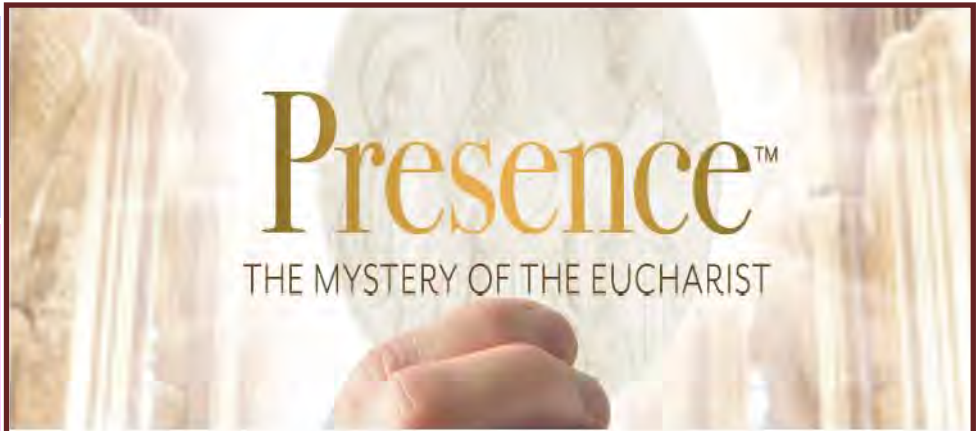
### **SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM**

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

**We ask that you “Prayerfully Adopt a Baby” by reciting this prayer:**

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

*Taken from  
USCCB: “Rite of Blessing for Child in the Womb”*



## **Presence™**

THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the “source and summit” of the Christian life. *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist* explores the truth and beauty of Christ’s real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture to its profound role in the life of the Church and its members. The Eucharist is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

- ▶ Week One: 3-31-2019  
Episode 1: God is With Us
- ▶ Week Two: 4-07-2019  
Episode 2: The Story of the Eucharist
- ▶ Week Three: 4-14-2019  
Episode 3: Bread for the Journey
- ▶ Bonus Episode: For Children: 4-14-2019  
For Children: The Miracle at Every Mass

**NOT ON FORMED YET? IT'S EASY AND FREE TO REGISTER!**

- 1 Go to [sspj.formed.org](http://sspj.formed.org)
- 2 Click Register, then enter your name, email address, and desired password
- 3 You're all ready to access the inspiring and engaging content on FORMED!  
Click **STUDY** and watch [Presence](#)

## **Hope after Abortion**

### **Upcoming Opportunity for Prayer and Healing**

#### **Day of Prayer and Healing for Women**

**Saturday, April 6, 2019**

*All reservations and information will remain confidential.  
For more information see frequently asked question tab below.*

#### **Register**

*Please register by Monday, April 1, 2019.*

#### **Confidential phoneline:**

**1-516-766-2538 or 1(888) 456-HOPE (4673) se habla espanol | Email [projectrachel@drvc.org](mailto:projectrachel@drvc.org) to begin healing after abortion loss.**

**One-call outreach program to provide assistance for an unexpected or crisis pregnancy  
call 1 (855) 301-4CHS or visit [www.chsli.org/pregnancy-support-services](http://www.chsli.org/pregnancy-support-services)**



## Parish Social Ministry ~ Lenten Project

All donations for our Parish Lenten project are greatly appreciated

If donating by check:

Please make check payable to : **SSPJ**

**IN THE MEMO SECTION WRITE: HAITI CLINIC**

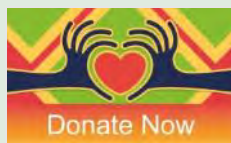
If donating cash:

Please place into an envelope securely sealed:

**WRITE LENTEN PROJECT: HAITI CLINIC**

All donations may be placed into the Sunday Collection baskets or brought to the Parish Center Office.

Thank you for your overwhelming generosity.



Vacation Bible Camp is seeking a Volunteer Registered Nurse.

This Position is needed for Week 1: July 22-26<sup>th</sup> **and or**

Week 2: July 29<sup>th</sup> - August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9am-12noon.

If you are interested, kindly contact Virginia Portanova at the Parish Center Office: 631-584-5454.



# 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, APRIL 1, 2019**

**Open Forum Discussion**

**Topic: Getting to Know "FORMED"**

"Formed" [<https://formed.org>] is a contemporary Catholic online resource for growing your faith and spiritual life. Formed offers videos, audios, movies, documentaries and books covering all things Catholic for viewing and listening at your convenience. The website has offerings to help you strengthen and improve your Lenten practices, deepen your faith, study the Bible, and inspire you with the lives of the saints. Once you register for free, all this rich spiritual material is accessible on your tablet, computer, or smartphone. On Monday evening we will use the first rate projection system in the Bethany Center to introduce us to the Formed website and sample a few of its treasures. We will also discuss what we have seen and how we want to use this resource in the future. Please join us!

**LOCATION:** Main Church: 359 Clinton Avenue, Saint James, NY

**6:30 PM: Adoration • 7:30 PM: Open Forum Discussion • 8:30 PM: Coffee & Cake**

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

**Website: [www.sspjmensforum.org](http://www.sspjmensforum.org)**



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# 2019 SSPJ GOAL ~ \$119,700.00: SSPJ is at 65% of Goal



Supporting Dramatic Missionary Growth in Our Community



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

## Caring Teaching Loving Forgiving Helping Igniting Evangelizing

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

### Every Gift Counts!

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit [CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org](http://CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org) or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

Make checks payable to:  
Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Down payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2019 Goal

\$119,700

Pledges  
at  
3/26/19  
\$77,540.



## Music Ministry

### Middle of Lent.

*Are we saying "Yes" to the Lord and doing our part.*

*I know I am trying.*

*Easter is in the distance and I have been preparing music for Holy Week and Easter. An exciting time in our church. Gloria returns, Alleluia's are sung, Christ is Risen.*

*But... we still have a few weeks to go. Is your Lent going well?*

*Are you preparing for Easter? I hope the music is inspiring and fulfilling for you. It is to me as I prepare and meditate over what will help and inspire you. To move the Spirit.*

*I hope I am choosing well.*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*





*Religious Education Week of March 31, 2019*

**God's Blessings Upon Miss Charlotte and our  
First Grade Religious Education Students**



*Our First Grade Religious Education Students enjoy coming to class each week!*

*They look forward to their Religious Education Lessons with...*

*"Miss Charlotte!" in the Bethany Center.*

*Gods blessings upon our Students , families and Miss Charlotte!!*

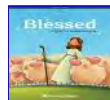
***Prayer of the Month for April***

**Come Holy Spirit Prayer**

Come Holy Spirit,  
Fill the hearts of your faithful  
And kindle in them the fire of your  
love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they  
shall be created.  
And You shall renew the face of  
the earth



**FIRST GRADE LESSONS WITH  
MISS CHARLOTTE**



**TUESDAY APRIL 2ND**

**OR**

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 3RD**

At 4:30 in the Bethany Center  
Please attend the class your child was  
assigned to.

**RECONCILIATION**

**GRADE 5 RECONCILIATION**

TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND AT 4:45PM  
IN THE CHURCH

**GRADE 6 RECONCILIATION**

TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND AT 6:00PM  
IN THE CHURCH





# Save the Date! Knights Annual Golf Outing



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS®**

SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES COUNCIL  
COUNCIL #12839

**ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**

**MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2019**

Smithtown Landing Country Club  
495 Landing Avenue • Smithtown, NY 11787



**This Year's Honoree:**

**James Ginty**



Registration: 8:30 am  
Shotgun Tee Off: 10 am



May the Course Be With You

**Breakfast Sponsored By:**  
Doda's Gold Shield Catering

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Players:** \_\_\_\_ \$190.00 per person  
(includes Golf Cart, Lunch, Cocktail Hour, Dinner)

**Dinner only:** \_\_\_\_ \$90.00 per person

**Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Number attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsorship:**

- \_\_\_\_ Dinner Sponsorship @ \$1,000 - (2 Available)
- \_\_\_\_ Lunch Sponsorship @ \$500 - (2 Available)
- \_\_\_\_ Driving Range Sponsorship @ \$500 (2 Available)
- \_\_\_\_ Tee Signs Sponsorship @ \$100 each
- \_\_\_\_ Cart Sponsorship (1) \$300
- \_\_\_\_ Putting Green Sponsorship (4) @ \$250 each
- \_\_\_\_ Pin Flag Sponsorship (18) @ \$125 each

**Sponsorship Information:**

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**Please Make Checks Out To:**

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

**For Credit Card or PayPal:**

Please Visit Our Home Page / Website:  
[www.kofcsspj.org](http://www.kofcsspj.org)

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Contact: Thomas Sica (631) 521 - 4771  
[sikachu45@hotmail.com](mailto:sikachu45@hotmail.com)



# *SSPJ School March Apostles of Hope*

## *Sts. Philip and James School*

*March*

## *Apostles of Hope*

### Nursery

**Brock Murphy** is an Apostle of Hope. Brock is a wonderful friend to all of his classmates. He is always kind and makes sure that everyone is happy. Brock's good heart and joy makes him a great disciple of Jesus.

**Alexander Coleman** is an Apostle of Hope. Alex shares all of his toys and is always helpful during clean-up time. Alex is very loving and compassionate. He loves to pray for his teachers and family. Alex's kind heart makes him a loving follower of Jesus.

### Pre-Kindergarten

**Greyson Ames** is an Apostle of Hope. Greyson is a follower of Jesus by including and sharing with his friends. Greyson tries his best every day and does not give up. Way to go, Greyson!

**Addison Ball** is an Apostle of Hope. Addison is a follower of Jesus by participating in all of the prayers and by treating others fairly. Great job, Addison!

**James Waldmann** is an Apostle of Hope. James is a follower of Jesus by participating in prayers and treating his friends with respect. James works hard on all of his school work everyday. Great job, James!

### Kidergarten

**Kylie Ferri** is an Apostle of Hope. Kylie comes in every day ready to learn and work hard. She has been working very hard on her letter sounds and trying her best. She is very helpful throughout the school day to her teacher.

### Grade 1

**Gabriella Radosta** is an Apostle of Hope. Gabriella attends mass regularly and is always learning different ways to be more like Jesus. She always looks out for her classmates and makes sure everybody is following directions.

### Grade 2

**Connor Morosky** is an Apostle of Hope. Connor is a hard worker in class and always tries his best. He tries to say yes to Jesus during this Lenten season by being a good friend to all. Connor attends mass with his family on the weekend.

### Grade 3

**Erin Kieran** is an Apostle of Hope. Erin is a kind friend who shows compassion toward her classmates. She works hard in class and always completes her assignment with a positive attitude.

**Fiona O'Connor** is an Apostle of Hope. She is a kind and considerate student whom is a friend to everyone in the class. Fiona always does her best work and shares her ideas with the class.

### Grade 4

**Kaitlyn D'Amelia** is an Apostle of Hope. She is always friendly and kind to all of her classmates. She works cooperatively with her peers. She is true example of an Apostle of Hope.



**Scott Kady** is an Apostle of Hope. He is respectful and caring to his classmates. He treats others with kindness and he is thoughtful.

### Grade 5

**Nicole LoCastro** is an Apostle of Hope. Nicole is a model student in and out of the classroom. She applies herself in everything that she does and it shows. In addition to spending time at the DoJo practicing Karate, Nicole can be seen singing in our senior choir.

**Matthew Montefusco** is an Apostle of Hope. Matthew is a respectful young man who can be seen almost every morning making sure every teacher's classroom chairs are down for the day. Matthew's kind and joyful spirit make him a friend to everyone at SSPJ.

### Grade 6

**Matthew Williams** is an Apostle of Hope. He is a kind and caring student. He works very hard in class and is helpful to both teacher and classmates.

### Grade 7

**Maeve O'Connor** is an Apostle of Hope. She is conscientious about her schoolwork and displays acts of kindness to her classmates by volunteering to write up assignments for those who are absent from school. Maeve is attentive to her Pre-K buddies during Mass and has volunteered to be a monitor for the younger grades during her recess time. Maeve is a member of the Stained Glass club and participated in the CMSAA basketball team.

### Grade 8

**Julianna Kirshner** is an Apostle of Hope. Julianna is a hard working student who takes pride in her work. She has served as a monitor for the younger students. She is a member of stained glass and has done various outside community service activities, including the "Polar Bear Plunge". Julianna participates in the Catholic Middle School Sports Program and consistently hands in her reflections each week.

### Faculty

**Mrs. Howard** is an Apostle of Hope. Mrs. Howard is always looking for new ways to improve our school. Recently she requested several new text books for teacher review.

**Miss Merola** is an Apostle of Hope. Miss Merola always goes above and beyond and is always planning fun activities for her class as well as the other Early Childhood classes.



# SSPJ SCHOOL NEWS



COME JOIN US FOR SSPJ FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT!!

FRIDAY, APRIL 5 AT 7PM. SSPJ SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

\$30 entry fee per team. All ages welcome--teams can be up to 6 people!

Reserve early as spots are limited!! Trivia night will run approximately 2 hours or less!

Great prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners!

Refreshments will be available for purchase!

RSVP by April 1 to reserve your spot!

Contact Jennine Cullen at [jbcullen78@verizon.net](mailto:jbcullen78@verizon.net) or

631-871-9973 with any questions.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of players: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: SSPJ School

## 4th Grade News at SSPJ School

The students at SSPJ School have been learning about fables and how the meanings behind them teach valuable morals. The students were excited to go on a field trip to the Boulton Theater for the Performing Arts in Bay Shore. They watched live performers act out fables such as *The Fox and the Grapes*, *The Wind and the Sun*, *The Milkmaid and Her Pail*, *The Bundle of Sticks*, *The Golden Goose*, *The Farmer and the Nightingale*, *The Hare and the Tortoise*, and *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*. What a great way to have English Language Arts and Catholic values come alive for the students!

~Mrs. Brown



## STS. PHILIP & JAMES CYO TRACK & FIELD TEAM

Registration is OPEN for the SSPJ CYO Track & Field Team.

All boys & girls in grades 1-8 are invited to join. You do not need to be a member of the school or the parish in order to become a member.

Please visit our website [www.sspjtrack.com](http://www.sspjtrack.com) for information about the 2019 season as well as registration forms and fees.

Any questions/comments please contact:

MaryBeth Dearie at (631) 675-6072

OR

[info@sspjtrack.com](mailto:info@sspjtrack.com)

## *SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of March 31st, 2019*

### **Sunday, March 31st, 2019:**

8:30am RCIA	Cantina
10:00am Children's Liturgy	Auditorium
11:00am Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Wkshp
7:00pm AA Meeting	Philip & James Room

### **Monday, April 1st, 2019:**

1:00pm Rosary Makers	Philip & James Room
5:45pm REO Confirmation Retreat	Auditorium
7:30pm Men's Forum	Bethany Center Main

### **Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019:**

1:30pm Spirit of Love Prayer Group	Prayer Room Church
4:30pm REO First Grade Lessons with Miss Charlotte	Bethany Ctr.
4:45pm REO 5th Grade Reconciliation	Church
6:00pm REO 6th Grade Reconciliation	Church
7:30pm Chords of Faith	Church
8:00pm Boy Scout Leadership Meeting	Monte Building

### **Wednesday, April 3rd, 2019:**

4:30pm REO First Grade Lessons with Miss Charlotte	Bethany Center
5:45pm REO 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat	Auditorium
7:00pm Youth Ministry	Bethany Center

### **Thursday, April 4th, 2019 :**

2:00pm Eucharistic Adoration	Church
4:30pm Adult Formation Classes	Philip & James Room
7:30pm Adult Choir	Church & Choir Loft
7:30pm Pre-Baptism Class	Philip & James Class

### **Friday, April 5th, 2019:**

10:00am FORMED LENTEN PRESENTATION	Bethany Center
3:00pm Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Workshop
7:00pm AA Meeting	Philip & James Room
7:00pm Stations of the Cross	Church
7:00pm Guild Trivia Night	Auditorium
8:00pm First Friday Nocturnal Adoration	Church

### **Saturday, April 6th , 2019:**

5:00pm Children's Liturgy	Auditorium
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### **Sunday, April 7th, 2019:**

8:30am RCIA	Cantina
9:00am KOC Hospitality Sunday	Auditorium
10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word	Auditorium
7:00pm AA Meeting	Philip & James Room

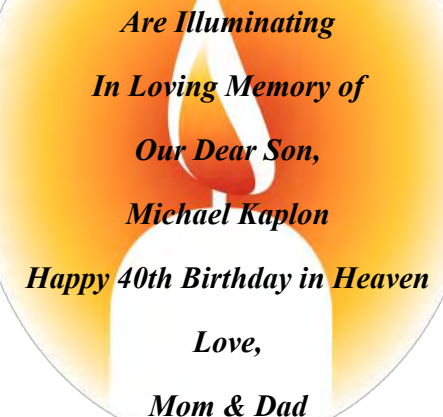
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# Mass Intentions, For the week of March 31st, 2019

## Saturday, March 30th, 2019

5:00pm Kathryn Doran

## Sunday, March 31st, 2019

8:00am For the Parishioners of SSPJ

10:00am Terrence Whalen

12:00Noon Collective Mass:

Robert Remhild & Beatrice Harney

Ann Cancellieri & Jill Pirozzi

Robert Gohn

Michael Kaplon

## Monday, April 1st, 2019

7:30am Michael Kaplon

9:15am Ralph & Theresa Guzzo

## Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019

7:30am Ernest Genert

9:15am Karen Naclerio-Negrin

## Wednesday, April 3rd, 2019

7:30am John Lettau

9:15am Patricia Henrich

## Thursday, April 4th, 2019

7:30am Deborah Paul Zamarelli ( Living)

9:15am Collective Mass:

John Keane

## Friday, April 5th, 2019

7:30am

9:15am Beatrice Harney

## Saturday, April 6th, 2019

9:15am Eva Maria Alaimo

5:00pm Catherine O'Loughlin

## Sunday, April 7th, 2019

8:00am For the Parishioners of SSPJ

10:00am Antonina Griffio

12:00Noon Collective Mass:

Joey Morda

Manuel Calado

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Suzanne Nardiello

## PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Baby Mattia Lubrano, Carole Hennessy, Helen McDowell, Joseph, Joseph Perconti Joann Boccia, Zachary Esposito-Tansey, Kathleen N., Kitty Cronin, Michael LaVecchia, Patricia Fontana, Patricia Monetti, Robin Graham Denis, Tim Cavooris, Vivien Cordes, Bob Keenan, Dena Pollina Vicki Archdeacon-Gibb, Anna & John Capizzio, Ian Dowling, Tom Sica, Theresa Stramiello

If you wish us to add a name on the prayer list, kindly contact the parish center office at 631-584-5454

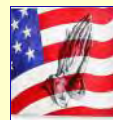
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## *PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR April 6th & 7th, 2019*

Saturday, April 6, 2019 5:00 PM	Sunday, April 7, 2019 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, April 7, 2019 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, April 7, 2019 12:00 MASS
Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Patrick Osei-Poku
Deacon John			

## *EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE -FOR April 6th & 7th, 2019*

Saturday, April 6, 2019 5:00 PM	Sunday, April 7, 2019 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, April 7, 2019 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, April 7, 2019 12:00 NOON MASS
J. Giacalone	P. Kanuika	D. Mulhall	D. Bleggi
I. Arevalo	M. Kenney	C. Napolitano	R. Bleggi
R. Byrne	A. Mantia	W. Rodriguez	N. Locastro
D. Coppola	P. Martin	P. Schfilliti	B. Chandler
P. Damato	W. Ramos	J. Scott	D. LaVecchia
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J. Duffy	E. Sica	J. Sweeney	J. Linder
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M. Fox	L. Tepedino	M. Tangel	T. Pace
J. Primavera	W. VanGostein	M. Tully	A. Santo

## *ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE -FOR April 6th & 7th, 2019*

Saturday, April 6, 2019 5:00PM MASS	Sunday, April 7, 2019 8:00AM MASS	Sunday, April 7, 2019 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, April 7, 2019 12:00 NOON MASS
C. Nigro	B. Keese	B. Dearie	C. Tsoumpelis
S. Nigro	K. Keese	S. Dearie	I. Cole
T. Miller	V. Chiappone	K. Tomasic	A. Peykar
M. Page	C. Morbillo	M. Tomasic	S. Glen
E. Schor	G. Morbillo	J. Prew	C. D'Agostino

## *LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR April 6th & 7th, 2019*

Saturday, April 6, 2019 5:00PM MASS	Sunday, April 7, 2019 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, April 7, 2019 10:00AM MASS	Sunday, April 7, 2019 12:00 NOON MASS
J. Auletta	S. Cavooris	T. Cafaro	V. Rubano
	L. Halluska	E. Nicastro	G. Hoonhout



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## A Third Way

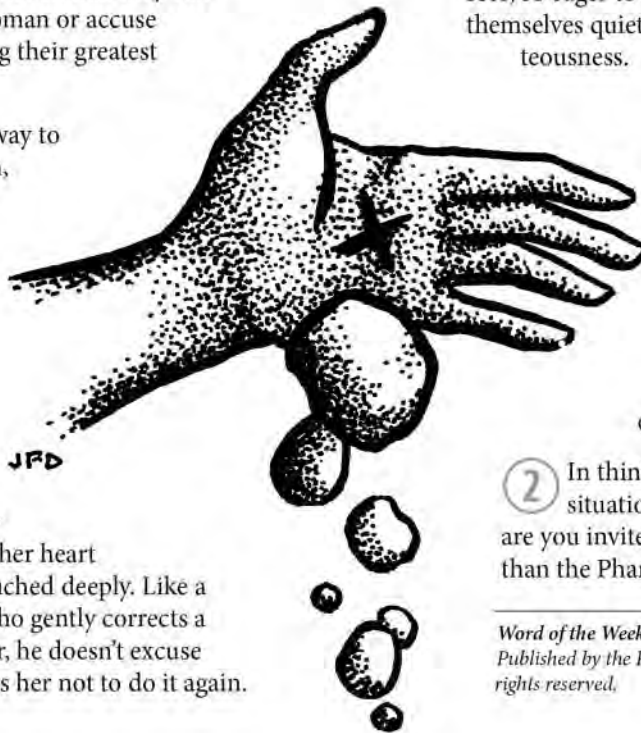
*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- Isaiah 43:16-21 - Promise of restoration
- Philippians 3:8-14 - Breaking with the past
- John 8:1-11 - The woman caught in adultery

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah speaks, reminding the Israelites that God—who brought their ancestors out of slavery in Egypt—can and will do marvelous things again. He gives them a reason to hope and to believe that God can still surprise them with unexpected new life. The passage creates a foreshadowing of Jesus' mercy with the adulteress which allows her to begin a new life after her nightmare of almost being stoned to death.

This Gospel story is a beautiful example of Jesus' ability to find a "third way" between two opposing options. At first, it appears that Jesus can either 1) follow the law of Moses and call for the woman's stoning, or 2) let her "off the hook" and thus disrespect Moses. The scribes and Pharisees want him to choose one or the other so that they can either punish the woman or accuse Jesus of disrespecting their greatest religious leader.

Jesus finds another way to address the situation, however. He exhibits mercy that does not result in violence, but will almost surely bring about the woman's conversion. Given the danger she was in, and then Jesus' utter compassion for her, her heart would have been touched deeply. Like a thoughtful parent who gently corrects a child's poor behavior, he doesn't excuse what she did but asks her not to do it again.



"Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

### Sheepish Question:

What are the obstacles to my fully forgiving others' failures?

His response saves her life, and she is then free to go on as a witness to the power of love rather than vengeance. At the same time, the scribes and Pharisees, so eager to see another person suffer, find themselves quietly convicted for their self-righteousness.

## Questions of the Week

① Jesus has a choice between showing mercy or justice here. Given the two options, which do you tend to move toward in your response to others?

② In thinking about the people and situations in your life today, to whom are you invited to offer Jesus' mercy rather than the Pharisees' judgment?

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## But Where Are the Others?

Most of us have been raised to believe that we have right to possess whatever comes to us honestly, either through our own work or through legitimate inheritance. No matter how large that wealth might be, it's ours, as long as we didn't cheat anyone along the way. By and large, this belief has been enshrined in the laws of our democratic countries and we generally believe that it is morally sanctioned by Christianity. That's partially true, but a lot needs to be nuanced here. This is not really the view of our Christian scriptures, nor of the social teachings of the Catholic Church. Not everything we acquire honestly through our own hard work is simply ours to have. We're not islands and we don't walk through life alone, as if being solicitous for the welfare of others is something that's morally optional. The French poet and essayist, Charles Peguy, once suggested that when we come to the gates of heaven we will all be asked: "*Mais ou sont les autres?*" ("But where are the others?") That question issues forth both from our humanity and our faith. *But what about the others?* It's an illusion and a fault in our discipleship to think that everything we can possess by our own hard work is ours by right. To think this way is to live the partially examined life.


Bill Gates Sr., writing in *Sojourners* some fifteen years ago, challenges not only his famous son but the rest of us too with these words: "Society has an enormous claim upon the fortunes of the wealthy. This is rooted not only in most religious traditions, but also in an honest accounting of society's substantial investment in creating fertile ground for wealth-creation. Judaism, Christianity, and Islam all affirm the right of individual ownership and private property, but there are moral limits imposed on absolute private ownership of wealth and property. Each tradition affirms that we are not individuals alone but exist in community – a community that makes claims on us. The notion that 'it is all mine' is a violation of these teachings and traditions." Society's claim on individual accumulated wealth "is rooted in the recognition of society's direct and indirect investment in the individual's success. In other words, we didn't get there on our own." (*Sojourners*, Jan-Feb., 2003)

Nobody gets there on his own and so, once there, he needs to recognize that what he has accumulated is the result not just of his own work but also of the infrastructure of the whole society within which he lives. Accordingly, what he has accumulated is not fully his, as if his own hard work alone had brought this about.

Beyond that, there's something else which Benjamin Hales calls "the veil of opulence" which lets us naively believe that each of us deserves everything we get. No so, says Hales. A lot of blind luck is involved in determining who gets to possess what: "The veil of opulence", he says, "insists that people imagine that resources and opportunities and talents are freely available to all, that such goods are widely abundant, that there is no element of randomness or chance that may negatively impact those who struggle to succeed but sadly fail through no fault of their own. ... It turns a blind eye to the adversity that some people, let's face it, are born into. By insisting that we consider public policy from the perspective of the most-advantaged, the veil of opulence obscures the vagaries of brute luck. But wait, you may be thinking, what of merit? What of all those who have labored and toiled and pulled themselves up by their bootstraps to make their lives better for themselves and their families? This is an important question indeed. Many people work hard for their money and deserve to keep what they earn. An answer is offered by both doctrines of fairness. The veil of opulence assumes that the playing field is level, that all gains are fairly gotten, that there is no cosmic adversity. In doing so, it is partial to the fortunate. ... It is an illusion of prosperity to believe that each of us deserves everything we get." (*New York Times*, August 12, 2012)

Scripture and the Catholic social teaching would summarize it this way: God intended the earth and everything in it for the sake of all human beings. Thus, in justice, created goods should flow fairly to all. All other rights are subordinated to this principle. We do have a right to private ownership and no one may ever deny us of this right but that right is subordinated to the common good, to the fact that goods are intended for everyone. Wealth and possessions must be understood as ours to steward rather than to possess absolutely. Finally, perhaps most challenging of all, no person may have surplus if others do not have the basic necessities. In any accumulation of wealth and possessions we have to perennially face the question: "*Mais ou sont les autres?*"





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