



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

April 26th, 2020  
Third Sunday of Easter



*"Lord, you will show us the path of life"*  
*Psalm 16*

"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

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Open Monday, Tuesday Wednesday 9am-8pm

Open Thursday 9am-5pm

Open Saturday 10am-2pm

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**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 8:00am mass 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.

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**Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:**

**Weekly Collection: Sunday, April 19th, 2020**

**Easter Collection**

**Faith Direct :**

**\$ 8,210.**

**\$ 2,837.**

**\$ 2,902**

**\$17,800.**

**Total Weekly Collection:**

**\$13,949.**

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

# Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

Fr. John Kavanaugh, SJ, reflects on today's gospel telling of the travelers on the road to Emmaus.

*It's a lovely Easter story that the Gospel of Luke gives us. Here we have two people who seem to think everything is over. They have just experienced a great loss. "We had hoped," they say, "he was the one to set Israel free."*

*....Observe what is going on here. We have two people who seem to be in a situation of unbelief, hitting the road, leaving their community, deep in confusion.*

*Two things happen. One, they are joined by Jesus on the road. He actually walks with them in their loss of hope and in their bewilderment. Two, he asks them to tell their story, and he stays to have dinner with them.*

As you and I look back over our lives and remember times of loss and confusion, do we also in retrospect recognize how Jesus walked with us during those times? Did/do we share our story with him? How about now? During this time of pandemic we are experiencing loss and confusion and much more. How important for us, like those disciples, to know Jesus walks with us, listens to our stories, and always accepts our invitation to stay with us.

And so we pray:

*Oh Jesus, please find us wherever we hide,  
from the virus and everything else.  
Come walk with us and be with us now.  
Show us the new life you are.  
Open our eyes and make our hearts blaze. Amen.*

Please be sure to check out Father Rolheiser's insights in his column in today's bulletin with his recommendations on how to walk this pandemic journey, and God willing, the post pandemic journey together.

Once again, many thanks for your prayers and your monetary contributions during these tough days. As you know, we need that help to "be in it together" and to ready ourselves for the future. Today's bulletin again includes additional ways of contributing to the support of the parish.

And it's helpful to find some humor in the midst of challenge!

*Anyone else's car getting 3 weeks to the gallon these days?  
In 8 weeks, 88% of blondes will disappear from the earth.  
It's like being 16 again! Gas is cheap and I'm grounded!*

*Popular vacation destinations:*

*LVG - Living Room   PAT - Patio   KIT - Kitchen   BAL- Balcony  
BDM - Bedroom   BKY - Backyard   BMT - Basement  
Enjoy your trip!*

Peace,

*Father Tom*

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



## ***A Note to Our Parish Family***

***Our parish office is receiving a few inquiries we would like to address. The office is continuing to operate as "normal" as possible. While some programs are "on hold" until further notice others are continuing to be available to those in need. While we are NOT open to the general public, a staff member IS in the office daily to answer all calls and questions.***

***Mass Intentions and Altar Memorials are available. You may request via phone message, e-mail, or drop your request in the mail slot at the side of our office entrance door. You will receive a call back verifying dates and times requested. Mass Cards may be picked-up - you will be notified when it is ready. You may also leave a message to have a name added to our prayer list.***

***Our Food Pantry, under Parish Social Ministry, is operating. We are meeting the needs of those in our parish. You can find a list of pantry items needed in our bulletin as well as on our facebook page. Donated items can be left in the prayer room in church. Supermarket and Gas Gift Cards should be dropped through the mail slot at the office.***

***If you know a family who is in need of support, please have them contact us and we will be happy to assist in any way we are able.***

***Our church is open daily - Monday - Friday from 7 am - 7 pm***

***Saturday and Sunday from 7 am - 3 pm.***

***We are closed for one hour each day while we are livestreaming Mass 9 – 10 am daily.***

***Perhaps you would like to stop in to light a candle, say a prayer or find some quiet peace.... We ask you to maintain acceptable personal distance in church for the safety of all. Our maintenance staff is on site daily to clean and sanitize our church.***

***We are livestreaming Mass daily at 9:15....click on the Facebook link (Sts. Philip & James Roman Catholic Church) on the opening page of our website: [sspj.org](http://sspj.org).***

***On the Prayers and Reflection page of our website – Father Tom has been posting reading material, reflections, links to Mass reading, prayers, videos, etc...throughout the Easter season and to help us through this time of uncertainty....as we prepare ourselves to transform into a new world...a new people of hope and faith.***

***If you are in need of a priest you may call the office and select the option for Emergency After Hours.***

***Please note that the Easter Gabriel went to print prior to the Corona Virus Pandemic, therefore some articles may not be timely in the current situation. Our bulletin is going to print weekly. There are limited hard copies available in the rear of the church weekly ....the publications can be found on our website.***

**Office phone 631-584-5454 x 202**

**Office phone press 9 to leave a message**

**Office phone press 0 for emergency assistance and follow the prompts**

**Email questions and inquiries to [vportanova@sspj.org](mailto:vportanova@sspj.org)  
[info@sspj.org](mailto:info@sspj.org)**

*As you know our parish runs on donations, contributions and offerings made through the generosity of our parishioners. If you are able to continue financial support, offerings may be mailed to SSPJ - 1 Carow Place. They may also be dropped into the mail slot at the side of the office entrance door. You may choose to sign-up with Faith Direct, there is a link on our opening webpage. The Diocese of Rockville Centre has established a Text-to-Give program as an alternative way to financially support your parish. You may choose this option for a one-time payment or set a schedule.*

TEXT TO GIVE PROGRAM:  
ONLINE OFFERTORY GIVING  
TEXT: 48parishssphilipandjames  
TO: 516-271-3338



**Online Offertory Giving**

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FAITH DIRECT:  
GO TO SSPJ.ORG  
CLICK ON THE FAITH DIRECT ICON

Creating a Faith Direct account is easy, just click on the Faith Direct logo, and use Parish of Saints Philip and James account code **NY232** when signing up



***We remain grateful for your generosity and support***

*Dear Parishioners,*

*Heartfelt thanks to all who are reaching out feeding our extended family...our hearts are filled with gratitude.*

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THE FOLLOWING:**

**SMALL JARS OF GRAPE JELLY**  
**WHITE RICE**

**BOXED JUICE DRINKS**  
**HEALTHY SNACKS FOR CHILDREN:**

**CANNED RAVIOLI**  
**CANNED SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS**

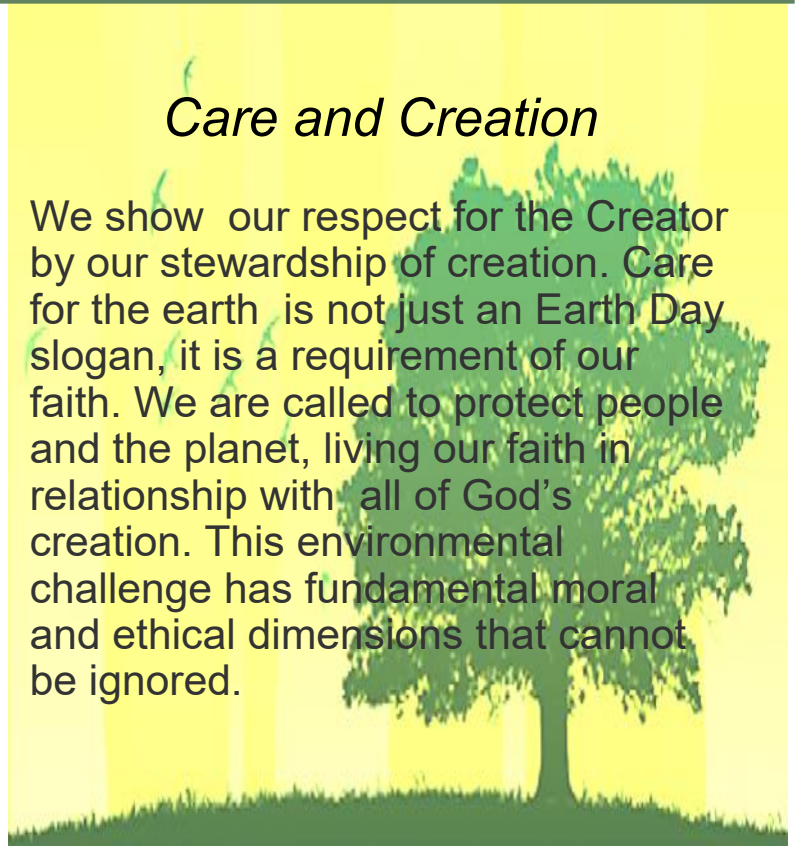
**GAS GIFT CARDS**  
**KING KULLEN AND STOP & SHOP GIFT CARDS**

Any donations may be left in the Church Prayer Room or the St. Anthony's Bread Closet.

As always, thank you and God bless you for your generous response.

## ***Care and Creation***

We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.



# Mass Intentions, For the week of April 26th, 2020

## Saturday, April 25th, 2020~Saint Mark

5:00pm Theresa Stramiello

## Sunday, April 26th 2020

8:00am Easter Novena  
10:00am Paul J. Czjuko  
12:00Noon Collective Mass:  
Maria Suski  
Kathy Toomey  
John DeSorbo  
Eileen Frazita

## Monday, April 27th, 2020

7:30am Pasquale Campano  
9:15am Patrick Keane

## Tuesday, Wednesday, April 28th, 2020-St. Peter Chanel

7:30am  
9:15am Robert Sugameli

## Wednesday, April 29th, 2020~St. Catherine of Sienna

7:30am Ezio & Olivia DiNucci  
9:15am Margaret Olsen

## Thursday, April 30th, 2020~St. Pius V. Pope

7:30am Muriel Totter  
9:15am Collective Mass:

## Friday, May 1st, 2020~St. Joseph the Worker

7:30am  
9:15am Jakob M. Sehne

## Saturday, May 2nd, 2020~St. Athanasius, Bishop

9:15am Dolores O'Brien  
5:00pm Dr. Natalie Assalone-Nizza

## Sunday, May 3rd, 2020

8:00am For the People of SSPJ  
10:00am Rose Marie Sherow  
12:00Noon Collective Mass:  
Rev. Richard Hendel  
Msgr. Charles Guarino  
Delores O'Brien  
Ralph Pepe

## Remembering in Our Prayers~

We remember...

**Ann Bates**  
**enevieve La Manna**  
**Mary Ellen Connolly**

Safely Home...

## An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You

are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment

receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself

wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Adrian Elias  
Angela Amoroso  
Arthur Gureck  
Anna Capizzio  
Barbara Bombace  
Baby Mattia Rose Lubrano  
Belinda Groneman  
Belinda Vega  
Bob Keenan  
Claudia Chandler  
Daniel Radice  
Deirdre W.  
Diana C.  
Dorothy E. Mitchell  
Donalea Donach  
Ellie Walsh  
Frank Cotoia  
Gladys Blake  
Gregory Parker  
Joan Kranz  
Jim McLean  
John DeStefano  
J.C.

And for all the prayers  
intentions offered in our  
Prayer baskets

Joseph S.  
Joseph G.  
Joyce Wiggins  
Judy Contrino  
Kathleen N.  
Kitty Cronin  
Leon Donach  
Maria Clark  
Matthew Parrella  
Melissa C.  
Michael Fisher  
Mike Lofaro  
Patricia Acker  
Peter Donach  
P.I.  
Philip G  
Ricardo Buffit  
Richard Cembrale  
Sara Jean Andersen  
Steve Rannazzisi  
Tim Cavooris  
Vivien Cordes  
Vicki Archdeacon  
William Quinn

For our Nation in time of  
crisis

## Prayer for the Sick

God of love, ever caring, ever strong stand by us in our  
time of need.

Watch over your children who are sick.

Look after them in every danger.

And grant them your healing and peace. Amen



# A Gospel Reflection for Our Students

Welcome to the Third Sunday of Easter  
Today's Gospel comes from Luke 24:13-35  
Traveling On the Road to Emmaus

After Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene at the tomb, He appeared, disguised, to two disciples walking to Emmaus. As they walked, the two disciples discussed everything they had seen in Jerusalem over the last week. They had hoped that Jesus would be the redeemer of Israel. On their walk, a man joined them and asked them about these things. He then pointed out to these men that Jesus had to suffer to enter God's glory and he pointed out scriptures from Moses and all the prophets to support what he said. Once the men broke bread with this man, they realized that he was Jesus. Their hearts burned within them and they raced back to tell the disciples in Jerusalem.

Dear Jesus,  
Thank you for everything  
you bless us with.  
Please help us to trust that  
you are always with us, even  
when we don't notice you.

Even though we may not understand what is happening around us, we know that with you by our side, anything is possible.

Thank you for your love  
We love you!  
Amen

BibleWise

## On the Road to Emmaus

Use the word bank below to fill in the blanks and learn what happened on the Road to Emmaus.  
Some words are used more than once.

\_\_\_\_\_ and his friend were walking on the road to Emmaus.  
A \_\_\_\_\_, whom the disciples didn't recognize, joined them on their journey. The man asked what was wrong and the disciples explained what happened to their Master, \_\_\_\_\_. The man told the disciples to \_\_\_\_\_ everything the prophets said and Christ would enter into \_\_\_\_\_.

When the three men reached \_\_\_\_\_, the disciples invited their new friend to have \_\_\_\_\_ with them. The new friend held a piece of bread, said a \_\_\_\_\_, broke the bread into pieces, and gave it to the two \_\_\_\_\_. At that moment, the disciples realized their new friend was actually \_\_\_\_\_. Immediately \_\_\_\_\_ disappeared. The disciples were \_\_\_\_\_ in themselves for not recognizing the man as Jesus.



### WORD BANK

DISCIPLES	CLEOPAS	PRAYER	EMMAUS	MAN
DISAPPOINTED	BELIEVE	JESUS	DINNER	GLORY
JESUS	JESUS			



Please join in with the SSPJ School community and hang a picture of the  
**Blessed Mother Mary**  
 in your window for all to see.  
 May the picture act as a visual reminder that our Nation's Patron Saint is  
 watching over us and will help get us through this difficult time.  
 God Bless You!



**SSPJ**- We are:

**S**mart



**S**pecial



**P**rayerful



**J**oyful



**We are  
Family!**





# Preparing for the Fourth Sunday of Easter (next week)

May 3, 2020 • 4th Sunday of Easter • Year A

## Abundant Life

*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- Acts 2:14, 36-41 - Peter's discourse
- 1 Peter 2:20-25 - For the slave
- John 10:1-10 - The Good Shepherd


Today's reading emphasizes that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and the gate for the sheep. For Jesus' listeners—farmers, ranchers, and others steeped in an agricultural lifestyle—the metaphor was comforting. To us in the 21st century, many of whom have had little, if any, experience with sheep, the metaphor is probably less powerful.

The last line becomes especially important, then. "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Whether or not we can imagine ourselves as sheep following Jesus, we can focus on his statement that he wants us to enjoy abundant life.

What does it mean to have abundant life? It doesn't mean that God wants us to have an abundance of "things," which can't bring fulfillment by themselves. Abundant life as Jesus preached about it means a life of joy, fulfillment, love, and freedom from want. Jesus wants us to have life in its fullness, here and now, not just after we die.

Unfortunately, some of us were raised to believe that a life of discipleship dooms us to a life of deprivation, boredom, and no fun. We might think, consciously or not, that we deserve punishment or that we must work to earn God's love. Or we might assume that we just have to accept this life of drudgery to get to heaven (abundance) in the next life. Yet so many of Jesus' teachings and his behavior pointed to the fact that he wants us to have the fullness of life now, not only in the future. He wanted to see people cured of their illnesses, freed from the injustices that kept the poor and the outcasts excluded from the community. He wanted people to celebrate rather than mourn.

JFD



"The sheep follow [the shepherd], because they recognize his voice."

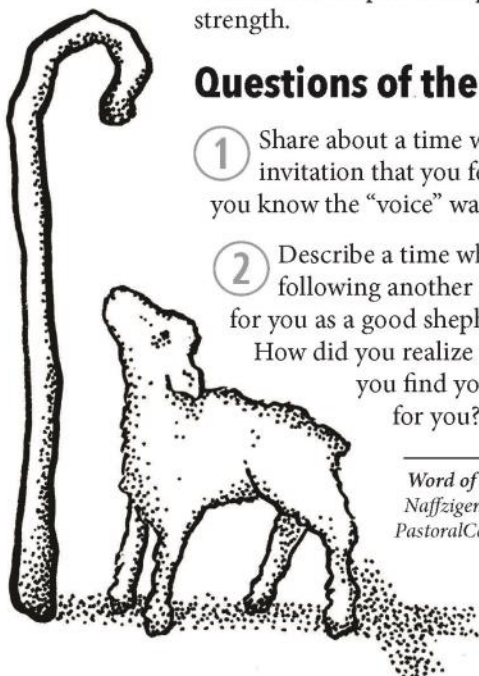
**Sheepish Question:**  
What hazards must I be ready for in following the way of Christ?

If we listen for Jesus' voice, we can distinguish it from the voice of others in our world because Jesus' voice will lead to a more abundant life for us. If some voice (of a family member, peer, advertising, etc.) leaves us feeling insecure, inadequate, fearful, or anxious, that is not the voice of our shepherd. Jesus' voice always leads to a more profound peace, joy, comfort, and strength.

## Questions of the Week

- 1 Share about a time when you have followed an invitation that you felt was from Jesus. How did you know the "voice" was from God?
- 2 Describe a time when you went astray by following another shepherd who didn't care for you as a good shepherd cares for his sheep. How did you realize you went astray? How did you find your way back to God's path for you?

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## Churches as Field Hospitals

Most of us are familiar with Pope Francis' comment that today the church needs to be a *field hospital*. What's implied here?

First, that right now the church is not a field hospital, or at least not much of one. Too many churches of all denominations see the world more as an opponent to be fought than as a battlefield strewn with wounded persons to whom they are called to minister. The churches today, in the words of Pope Francis, have often reversed an image in the *Book of Revelation* where Jesus stands outside the door knocking, trying to come in, to a situation where Jesus is knocking on the door from inside the church, trying to get out.

So how might our churches, our ecclesial communities, become field hospitals?

In a wonderfully provocative article in a recent issue of *America Magazine*, Czech spiritual writer, Tomas Halik, suggests that for our ecclesial communities to become "field hospitals" they must assume three roles: A *Diagnostic one* – wherein they identify the signs of the times; a *Preventive one* – wherein they create an immune system in a world within which malignant viruses of fear, hatred, populism, and nationalism are tearing communities apart; and a *Convalescent one* – wherein they help the world overcome the traumas of the past through forgiveness.

How, concretely, might each of these be envisaged?

Our churches need to be *diagnostic*; they need to name the present moment in a prophetic way. But that calls for a courage that, right now, seems lacking, derailed by fear and ideology. Liberals and conservatives diagnose the present moment in radically different ways, not because the facts aren't the same for both, but because each of them is seeing things through its own ideology. As well, at the end of the day, both camps seem too frightened to look at the hard issues square on, both afraid of what they might see.

To name just one issue that both seem afraid to look at with unblinking eyes: our rapidly emptying churches and the fact that so many of our own children are no longer going to church or identifying with a church. Conservatives simplistically blame secularism, without ever really being willing to openly debate the various critiques of the churches coming from almost every part of society. Liberals, for their part, tend to simplistically blame conservative rigidity without really being open to courageously look at some of places within secularity where faith in a transcendent God and an incarnate Christ run antithetical to some of the cultural ethos and ideologies within secularity. Both sides, as is evident from their excessive defensiveness, seem afraid to look at all the issues.

What must we do *preventatively* to turn our churches into field hospitals? The image Halik proposes here is rich but is intelligible only within an understanding of the Body of Christ and an acceptance of the deep connection we have with each other inside the family of humanity. We are all one, one living organism, parts of a single body, so that, as with any living body, what any one part does, for disease or health, affects every other part. And the health of a body is contingent upon its immune system, upon those enzymes that roam throughout the body and kill off cancerous cells. Today our world is beset with cancerous cells of bitterness, hatred, lying, self-protecting fear, and tribalism of every kind. Our world is mortally ill; suffering from a cancer that's destroying community.

Hence our ecclesial communities must become places that generate the healthy enzymes that are needed to kill off those cancer cells. We must create an immune system robust enough to do this. And for that to happen, we must first, ourselves, stop being part of the cancer of hatred, lying, fear, opposition, and tribalism. Too often, we ourselves are the cancerous cells. The single biggest religious challenge facing us as ecclesial communities today is that of creating an immune system that's healthy and vigorous enough to help kill off the cancerous cells of hatred, fear, lying, and tribalism that float freely throughout the world.

Finally, our *convalescent* role: Our ecclesial communities need to help the world come to a deeper reconciliation vis-a-vis the traumas of the past. Happily, this is one of our strengths. Our churches are sanctuaries of forgiveness. In the words of Cardinal Francis George: "In society everything is permitted, but nothing is forgiven; in the church much is prohibited, but everything is forgiven." But where we need to be more proactive as sanctuaries of forgiveness today is in relation to a number of salient "traumas of the past". In brief, a deeper forgiveness, healing, and atonement still needs to take place apposite the world's