



The Parish of Saints Philip and James
1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

631-584-5454

January 12th, 2020

The Baptism of the Lord



*"This is my beloved Son,
With whom I am well pleased"*

Matthew 3: 17

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

Daily Mass: 7:30am and 9:15 am

Saturday 5pm Sunday: 8am 10 am 12noon

STS. PHILIP & JAMES PASTORAL STAFF

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

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

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

CLERGY

Father Tom Haggerty, Pastor
Father Patrick Osei-Poku-Associate Pastor
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Deacon John Keenan
Deacon Ken Maher
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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 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.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE FOR US IN YOUR PRAYERS



LCDR. MEGAN M. SHUTKA-VIK, USN
CAPT. WILSON MARKS- USN
CAPTAIN MICHAEL DOLAN- JR.
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KYLE ANTHONY NASCIMENTO-US ARMY
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SGT. STEPHEN D. OUTCAULT-USMC
PAUL MUMOLO-USN
VICTORIA ZEMAN, USCG
KYLE J. GRUNER -US ARMY
MARK GIORDANO—US COASTGUARD
KELLI MCLAUGHLIN- 2ND LT. US ARMY NATL. GUARD
STAFF SGT MICHAEL J BANG SPECIAL FORCES US ARMY

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

Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:

Weekly Collection: Sunday, December 29th, 2019

Faith Direct:

\$ 12,402.

\$ 2,877.

\$17,800.

Total Weekly Collection:

\$15,279.

Collection for Solemnity:

\$3,657.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP, writes:

Jesus' baptism reminds us today that, through our baptism, we are united to him. I dare say that most of us rarely, if ever, think about our baptism. (Do we know the date we were baptized?) Through our baptism we died with Christ and thus have been reborn into a whole new life (Romans 6). We, the baptized, are incorporated into the body of Christ. We are called and enabled to imitate Jesus, whom Paul says, "went about doing good." We don't need a detailed rule book in order to know how we should act in each situation of our lives, for in Baptism, we have the companionship of the Spirit of Jesus who is our wisdom, impulse and help to do good.

Just as Jesus entered the Jordan to be baptized along with the repentant, so he enters our scene of darkness and confinement today. He is the one promised us in the prophet Isaiah, the one who will "bring out prisoners from confinement." He comes to those hidden places that keep us locked up. He goes to the imprisoned areas of our lives and our restricted ways of behaving which we sometimes excuse by saying, "That's just the way I am." Rather than be a cheerleader on the sidelines, Jesus comes down into the waters and into the dark places where we are. He helps us face the shadows and hidden places and leads us out -- just as God promised God would do for us through the prophet Isaiah.

Are we baptized Christians willing to let Jesus enter those "hidden places that keep us locked up"? As he entered a new phase of his life through his baptism, are we, strengthened by our own baptism, willing to move forward into new phases and possibilities in our life? Do we recognize that meaning and power of baptism?

Might part of your baptismal call be an invitation to share a little of your time with our parish Baptism Ministry? Could you assist at one of our welcoming Masses - either a Saturday at the 5:00 mass or on Sunday at the 12:00pm mass- by welcoming parents and their newborns, guiding them to reserved seats, or leading prayers of blessings? Or perhaps you could assist periodically at Baptisms on Sunday afternoons, as greeters or readers or cantors. Have you sewing skills which would enable you to create Baptismal bibs for our young ones? (Pattern and material provided!) All these possibilities can be scheduled around your availability. Please consider these bite-size ways of being an Apostle of Hope in the coming year. Please call the Parish Center for further information.

And speaking of Baptism, how many of you are godparents? What an honor to be asked! This special relationship calls for prayer and nurturing. Let's say a prayer for our godparents and our godchildren today!

And, *A thief tried to steal the paintings at the Louvre in Paris. He was caught two blocks away when he ran out of gas. "I had no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van Gogh," he said. "But I tried because I had nothing to Toulouse."*

Bathing suits don't shrink in water. They shrink when they're stored in the closet all winter.

What kind of exercise do lazy people do? Diddly squats.

Peace,

Father Tom

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



All are invited to attend...

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY, TODAY,
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 2020**

AFTER THE 8AM MASS AND THE 10:00AM MASS

HOSTED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Please stop by and enjoy fellowship and a light breakfast!

A Wonderful Home Blessing for the New Year!

20 + C + M + B + 20

Bless Your Door On Epiphany

The Gospel tells us that the Magi found Christ **“on entering the house”**. The door to your home is a holy threshold. You can bless those who come in and go out by inscribing above the door the first two numbers of the year + C + M + B + the last two numbers of the year. Tradition tells us that the letters stand for the names of the Magi; **Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar**. Adolph Adam points out that it may also mean **“Christus mansionem benedicat”** or **“May Christ bless this dwelling”**. It's appropriate to bless your door in January – janua means “door” and the first month is the door to the new year. Before placing the blessing above your doorway, say this prayer...

God of Bethlehem and Cana, God of Jordan's leaping waters,

In baptism you bring us into your family.

You wed us and embrace us as your beloved.

May we fill this place with kindness to one another,
with hospitality to guests, and with abundant care for every stranger.

By the gentle light of a star, guide home all who seek you
on paths of faith, hope and love.

Then we will join the angels in proclaiming your praise:

Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever.

Amen

OPEN HOUSE AT SSPJ SCHOOL! SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 2020 AND.... THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH, 2020

SSPJ Open House and Registration

Sunday, January 26, 2020
11:00 am – 1:30 pm



Thursday, January 30, 2020
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Early Childhood Education **(Nursery - Kindergarten)**



NURSERY

Half Day Program: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

2 Days - Tuesday/Thursday

3 Days - Monday/Wednesday/Friday

5 Days - Monday - Friday

Full Day Program: 8:30 am - 2:50 pm

2 Days - Tuesday/Thursday

3 Days - Monday/Wednesday/Friday

5 Days - Monday - Friday

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

5 Day/Full Day 8:30 am - 2:50 pm

KINDERGARTEN

5 Day/Full Day 8:50 am - 3:00 pm

Before and After School Care

7:30 am - 8:30 am / 3:00 pm - 5:45 pm

Foreign Languages – Spanish and Mandarin

Paul Effman Band Program

including Violin & Ukulele

NYSSMA Member

After School Clubs - Drama, Cheer, Sign Language,

STEM, Chorus, Story Hour

Extra Help - before and after school

Prayer Services throughout the year

Mass weekly attendance with class

Elementary Education **(Grade 1 - Grade 4)**



SSPJ Academy **(Grade 5 - Grade 8)**



Service Projects - community related

Algebra - 9th Grade Math Class

Living Environment - 9th Grade Science Class

CMSAA - Catholic Middle School Athletic

Association - soccer, basketball, bowling, softball...

Odyssey of the Mind - Creative Problem Solving

Stained Glass Club

Success on Catholic High School Entrance Exam

Electives for Academy students

iPad/Chromebook Classrooms

And much more!!

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

www.sspjschool.net

*Interested in becoming a Sponsor for the
2nd Annual Magic of Ireland Event?*

Saint Patrick Sponsor ~ \$1,000

*Includes prominent acknowledgement in the church lobby, church bulletin, and
TWO tickets to the event and ONE "Grand Prize Pot O' Gold" raffle book*

Shamrock Sponsor ~ \$500

*Includes prominent acknowledgement in the church lobby, church bulletin and EITHER:
TWO TICKETS TO THE EVENT OR TWO "Grand Prize Pot O' Gold" raffle books*

Celtic Sponsor ~\$250

*Includes acknowledgement in church lobby, church bulletin and EITHER:
ONE TICKET THE EVENT OR ONE "Grand Prize Pot O' Gold" raffle book*

Leprechaun Sponsor ~ \$100.

Includes acknowledgement in the church bulletin

I am interested in becoming a:

Saint Patrick Sponsor ~ \$1,000: _____

Shamrock Sponsor ~ \$500: _____

Celtic Sponsor ~ \$250: _____

Leprechaun Sponsor ~ \$100: _____

My Contact Information :

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

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

Magic of Ireland:



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL: \$100.00

=**TWO** TICKETS AND A **ONE** BOOK OF RAFFLE TICKETS (\$130. Value)

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



SECOND ANNUAL MAGIC OF IRELAND EVENT~MARCH 7, 2020

POT OF GOLD RAFFLE PRIZES

1st Prize: St. Croix Time Share Unit plus \$1,500 cash (airfare & expenses)

2nd Prize: 4 Tickets to spring Yankees Game (includes access to Audit Club)

Donated by Corporate Transfer & Storage-The Verderber Family

3rd Prize: Webber BBQ Freestanding Spirit II (\$500.00 value)

The Magic of Ireland ~ Ticket Form

Guest Name(s): _____

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

The "Caring for Our Common Home" that Pope Francis urges us to do, can be done in small steps. Here is a practical tip: "Turn off lights, TV, entertainment system and computers when you are not in the room." The Pope urges us to reflect on our lifestyles, and how our daily decisions about food, consumption, transportation, use of water, energy and many other material goods, can often be harmful. Now is the time to abandon our dependence on fossil fuels and move, towards forms of clean energy and a sustainable economy. Let us also learn to listen to indigenous peoples, whose age-old wisdom can teach us how to live in a better relationship with the environment.

Parish Social Ministry

Again and again, you prove that you are the living expression of God's kindness, the true spirit of Christmas. The Pick-a-Star package count was approximately 500 in number and gift cards were distributed to many for their Christmas shopping. Some of the local families expressed their thanks through tears because we made Christmas Day a happy one for them, especially their children.

Special thanks go out to all the confirmation candidates and teachers who gave their helping hands on Sunday, December 15. These Apostles of Hope very happily and efficiently sorted, counted, bagged and labeled everything for distribution, pleased because they had a part in giving to those less fortunate.

Deep gratitude to Marti Drechsler who not only supervised but also helped in all phases of the day from beginning to end. Thanks to the drivers, Charlie Murphy, Bill Peterson, Barbara Chandler, Phyllis and John Long, and Sr. Theresita for taking time to deliver the gifts to the different facilities.

As ever, you have shown that "Faith in action is love, and love in action is service."

Peace and Blessings to each of you through the coming year.



Respect Life News

WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR WITH NEW GOALS

The Respect Life Committee invites all parishioners to visit our new web page on the parish web site. We plan to have current information for all.

JOIN US FOR

March for life will take place on Jan 24th, 2020. Buses will leave from St. Joseph's Church Ronkonkoma call 631-588-8456, St. Anthony of Padua Church East Northport call Maryann 631-368-5612 or 631-486-3847

Infant Jesus call Mike Schwenk 631-664-4817 or Kevin Crowley 631-873-8950

Christ the King call 631-864-1623

Please make your plans to take off from work if needed and call early for a reservation.



project rachel
Peace starts here

Diocese of Rockville Centre

Healing after Abortion Day of Prayer and Healing for Women

The Day of Prayer and Healing for Women is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The Day is directed by an experienced team including faithful priests who have a sensitivity and heart for those who suffer.

The day includes witnesses of mercy, Scripture sharing, personal prayer, an opportunity for Sacramental Confession, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Saturday, March 7, 2020

- Please register by Monday, March 2, 2020.

Ways to Register: Online using the form below, calling: 1-888-456-HOPE (4673) | 1-516-766-2538 or emailing:

projectrachel@drvc.org

SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of January 12th, 2020

Sunday, January 12th, 2020

8:30am RCIA Cantina
 9:15am Hospitality Sunday Auditorium
 10:00am Children's Liturgy Auditorium
 1:00pm Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang Auditorium
 7:00pm AA Meeting Monte Building

Monday, January 13th, 2020:

1:00pm Senior Group Meeting Philip & James Rm
 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 7 Mtg Auditorium

Tuesday, January 14th, 2020:

1:30pm Spirit of Prayer Ministry Church Prayer Room
 7:00pm Catholic Daughters Meeting Philip & James Rm
 7:00pm St. Monica Group Cantina
 7:30pm Chords of Faith Church
 7:30pm Respect Life Committee Mtg Cantina

Wednesday, January 15th, 2020:

7:00pm Youth Ministry Meeting Bethany Center

Thursday, January 16th, 2020:

2:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church
 7:00pm Boy Scout Leadership Mtg Monte Building
 7:30pm Adult Choir Church

Friday, January 17th, 2020

3:00pm School Stained Glass St Glass Wksp
 7:00pm AA Meeting Philip & James Roo

Saturday, January 18th, 2020

5:00pm Children's Liturgy Church

Sunday, January 19th, 2020:

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

For we walk by

Faith
 not by sight

Religious Education Ministry

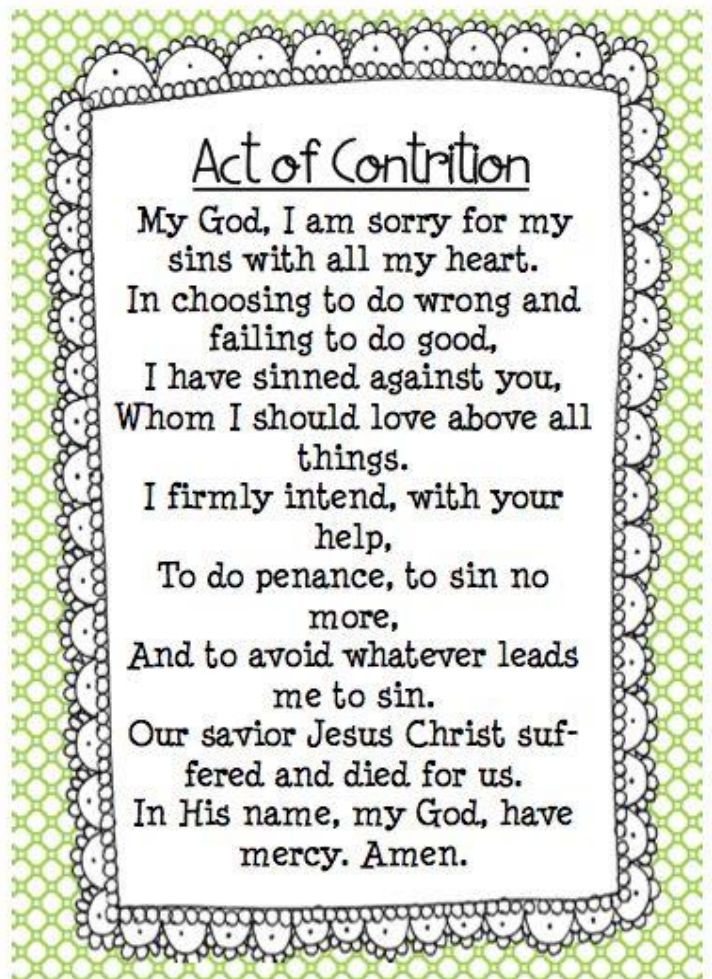


The Lector Ministry welcomes SSPJ's newest Lector: Belle Thompson

Belle is a student in our 7th grade Religious Education Program!

Pictured here with Rita Byrne who is very active in teaching the Students both in Religious education and SSPJ school, the skills needed to become a public speaker and join the Lector ministry.

Welcome and Congratulations Belle!



Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my
 sins with all my heart.
 In choosing to do wrong and
 failing to do good,
 I have sinned against you,
 Whom I should love above all
 things.
 I firmly intend, with your
 help,
 To do penance, to sin no
 more,
 And to avoid whatever leads
 me to sin.
 Our savior Jesus Christ suf-
 fered and died for us.
 In His name, my God, have
 mercy. Amen.



SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION: For GRADES: 1, 2, & 3
THIS REFLECTION IS TO BE SHARED AT MASS ON:
SATURDAY, OR SUNDAY, January 18th or 19th, 2020



January 12th, 2020

Today, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord

The Gospel of: Matthew 3: 13-17

My Name Is: _____

I Am In Grade: _____

My Catechist "Teacher's" Name Is: _____

Gospel Message: Matthew 3:13-17

The Spirit of God comes upon Jesus as he is baptized by John

Do you know what day your birthday is?

Of course you do! What day were you
born on?

Do you know what day you were
baptized?

If so, what day?

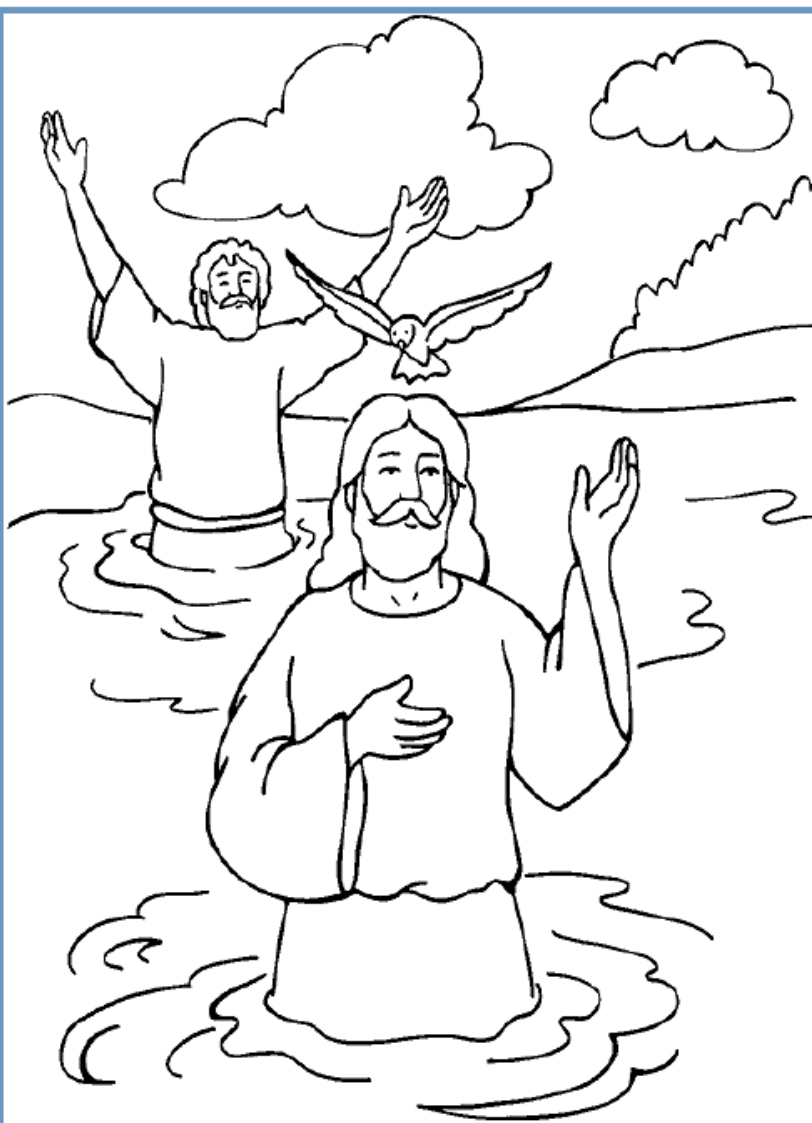
Your baptism day is just as special as
your birthday!

My Weekly Prayer:

*Jesus, thank you for welcoming
me as your child, thank you for
the sacrament of baptism and
for the gift of forgiveness.
Thank you for the gift of my
god parents and everyone that
helps me learn what it means to
be a child of God.*

Amen

Please Color





SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION: For GRADES: 4,5 & 6
THIS REFLECTION IS TO BE SHARED AT MASS ON:
SATURDAY OR SUNDAY, January 18th or January 19th, 2020



Today we celebrate The Baptism of the Lord
Sunday, January 12th, 2020

My Name Is: _____

I Am In Grade: _____

My Catechist Name Is: _____

Gospel Message: The Gospel of Matthew 3:13-17

The Spirit of God comes upon Jesus as he is baptized by John.

The Baptism of Jesus

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 3:13-17



T Y Y J K E W N U P D N O I D
D Z J J V S E U G J Z X F X G
V Q V O C X P Y I A E R J M I
O A L I H W F I M S L S D W F
I O M K F N U A R Z H I U P X
C M X X B F L E T I U P L S X
E H S O N Z F T J N T Z W E U
A I K R Z X I J S Y B E L R E
K U A D P S L O B Y A T T K P
C O W S D K L R K C P W H F Q
Y P D E G A G D W I T A E L M
E E S O R P M A E M I T A B S
B N K U V H D N B M Z E V P G
S E W R L E Z O A H E R E A Z
T D P L E A S E D O D L N N Z

GALILEE
OPENED
JORDAN

HEAVEN
DOVE
WATER

VOICE
JOHN
FULFILL

LOVE
PLEASED
BAPTIZED

JESUS
SON
SPIRIT

My Weekly Prayer:

Jesus, thank you for welcoming me as your child, thank you for the sacrament of baptism and for the gift of forgiveness. Thank you for the gift of my god parents and everyone that helps me learn what it means to be a child of God.

Amen

SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION: For GRADES: 7 & 8 Confirmation I & II
THIS REFLECTION IS TO BE SHARED AT MASS ON:
Saturday or Sunday, January 18th & January 19th, 2020



Sunday, January 12th, 2020

Today, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord

Mass Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4,6,7, Psalm 29:2,3,4,9-10, Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38,
Matthew 3:13-17

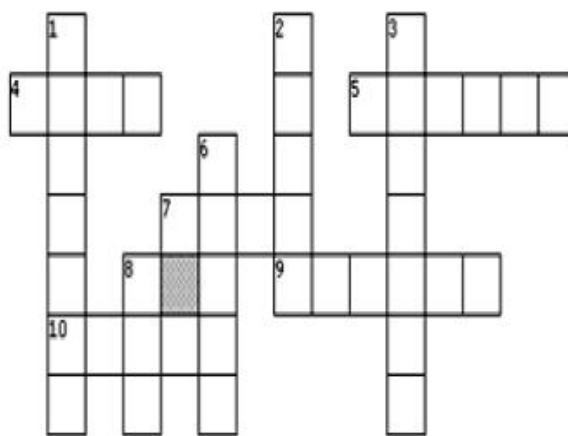
Student's Name : _____

I Am In Grade: _____

My Catechist Name Is: _____

Gospel Message

The Spirit of God comes upon Jesus as he is baptized by John. At Jesus' baptism, God affirms his Son's mission for salvation. God announces his pleasure with Jesus and, in Matthew's Gospel, announces to all that, "This is my beloved Son". With that affirmation, Jesus is able to resist the temptations that come before him in his ministry.



ACROSS

4. Name of the man who baptized Jesus.
5. The river where Jesus was baptized.
7. The Spirit came down from heaven like a ____.
9. To turn away from sin.
10. What was heard when Jesus was baptized.

DOWN

1. To pardon for sins.
2. The liquid used to baptize someone.
3. To admit that you have done wrong.
6. A sticky, sweet fluid made by bees.
8. To break one of God's commandments.

WORD BANK:

SIN
CONFESS
VOICE
DOVE
REPENT
WATER
HONEY
FORGIVE
JOHN
JORDAN

My Weekly Prayer:

Jesus, thank you for welcoming me as your child, thank you for the sacrament of baptism and for the gift of forgiveness. Thank you for the gift of my god parents and everyone that helps me learn what it means to be a child of God. Please help me to be faithful to my baptismal promises to be a disciple of Jesus.

Amen

Mass Intentions, For the week of January 12th, 2020

<p><u>Saturday, January 11th, 2020</u> 5:00pm Erb Family</p>	<p><u>Thursday, January 16th, 2020</u> 7:30am Brother Fran Rowles 9:15am <u>Collective Mass:</u> Joseph Keane William Keough Arthur B. Newill</p>
<p><u>Sunday, January 12th, 2020</u> 8:00am For the Parishioners of SSPJ 10:00am Maria D'Angelo 12:00Noon <u>Collective Mass:</u> Anthony Zumpano Bernard Erias Margaret Regina Louis Maniale</p>	<p><u>Friday, January 17th, 2020~St. Anthony Abbot</u> 7:30am Father Michael Carroll 9:15am Pasquale Campano</p>
<p><u>Monday, January 13th, 2020</u> 7:30am Sr. Joseph Mary Watson, OP 9:15am Michael Bohenek</p>	<p><u>Saturday, January 18th, 2020</u> 9:15am Arthur & Andrew Krauer 5:00pm Sandy Tamshen</p>
<p><u>Tuesday, January 14th, 2020</u> 7:30am John Purcell 9:15am Anthony Zumpano</p>	<p><u>Sunday, January 19th, 2020</u> 8:00am For the Parishioners of Sts. Philip & James 10:00am Carol Walz 12:00Noon <u>Collective Mass:</u> Mary Castiglie Anderson Joseph "Chickie" Martin Virginia Mascola Patricia Kelly Kenny Kozlowski</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, January 15th, 2020</u> 7:30am Brother Fran Rowles 9:15am Bernard Erias</p>	

We Remember, With Heartfelt Sympathy,

Filipinas S. DeCena, Edward H.L. Smith III
Resting in the loving arms of Jesus



Our Altar Candles

For the Week of January 12th, 2020

Are burning for,

Carol Waltz

Happy Birthday Mom, We love you.

Love,

Karl, Karl Jr., and Tim Walz

Our Pro Life Rose

For the Week of January 12th, 2020

Is Offered for,

Joseph (Chickie) Martin

"My Dear Husband, on your 3rd Anniversary in Heaven"

Love,

Margie & Children

Prayer for the Sick

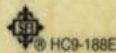
Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.

Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence.

Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits.

May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed.

Amen.



If you wish to include a name on our prayer listing, kindly contact the Parish Center Office at 631-584-5454

We Pray For,

Angela Amoroso
Arthur Gureck
Barbara Bombace
Baby Mattia Rose Lubrano
Belinda Vega
Bob Keenan
Claudia Chandler
Daniel Radice
Deirdre W.
Donalea & Peter Donach
Ellie Walsh
Gregory Parker
John DeStefano
Judy Hanrahan
Joseph S.
Joseph G.
Joyce Wiggins
Kathleen N.
Kitty Cronin
Leon Donach
Michael Fisher
Mike Amoroso
Peter McGreevy
Remi Ann Rexrode
Sara Jean Andersen
Tim Cavooris
Vivien Cordes



COME JOIN US FOR SSPJ FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT!!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 AT 6PM. 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!

Refreshments will be available for purchase!

RSVP by January 18 to reserve your spot!

Contact Jennine Cullen at jbcullen78@verizon.net or

631-871-9973 with any questions.

Name: _____ Email: _____

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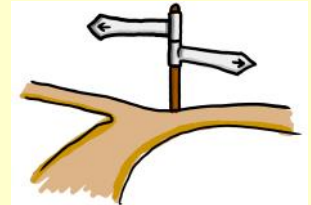
*This weekend is the baptism of the Lord. It's a time to think about joining our baptism music ministry. If you play an instrument or sing the ministry could **REALLY** use your help.*

It will take only a bite size piece of you time. Baptisms are twice a month at 2pm. The more people there are the less the commitment.

Please think about joining.

Walk closely with me, my God.

Loving God,
As I journey into the unknown territory of a new year...
As I hurt in the process of loving those I dislike or find difficult...
As I learn to accept my strengths, weaknesses and mistakes...
As I keep searching for the truth in times of confusion, doubt and conflict...
As I try to be a voice for the voiceless and powerless...
As I strive to live and witness your inclusive love, compassion, forgiveness, justice and peace...
As I do the work of the Christmas message and make Christ visible to others...



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MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 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.

2020 Meeting Dates

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

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.

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!

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PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR January 18th & January 19th, 2020

Saturday, January 18, 2020 5:00pm	Sunday, January 19th, 2020 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, January 19th, 2020 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, January 19th, 2020 12:00 MASS
Father Tom Haggerty	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Patrick Osei-Poku
Deacon Ron			

Eucharistic Minister Schedule-For January 18th & January 19th, 2020

Saturday, January 18th, 2020	Sunday, January 19th, 2020	Sunday, January 19th, 2020	Sunday, January 19th, 2020
5:00PM	8:00 AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
J. Duffy	P. Kanuika	M. Latino	S. McKie
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D. Earl	P. Martin	D. McCormick	T. Laiz
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R. Byrne	T. Sica	J. Scott	M. Napoli
L. Taurassi	W. VanGostein	L. Sisti	T. Pace

*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 18th & 19th, 2020

Saturday, January 18, 2020	Sunday, January 19, 2020	Sunday, January 19, 2020	Sunday, January 19, 2020
5:00PM MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
C. Nigro	E. Nicastro	B. Wos	S. Glen
S. Nigro	K. Nicastro	S. Deary	I. Cole
C. Williams	A. Willman	S. Cullen	A. Frankenberger
R. Williams		O. Jacobs	B. Frankenberger

LECTOR SCHEDULE-FOR January 18th & 19th, 2020

Saturday, January 18, 2020	Sunday, January 19, 2020	Sunday, January 19, 2020	Sunday, January 19, 2020
5:00PM MASS	8:00 AM MASS	10:00AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
C. Burke	A. Willman	J. Auletta	G. Hoonhout
8th Grade Student	E. Dobres	E. Nicastro	A. Kaiser

January 19, 2020 • 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year A

It's Not Me, It's Him

This Week's Readings at Mass

- Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 - The servant of the Lord
- 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 - Greeting to the church
- John 1:29-34 - John's testimony to Jesus

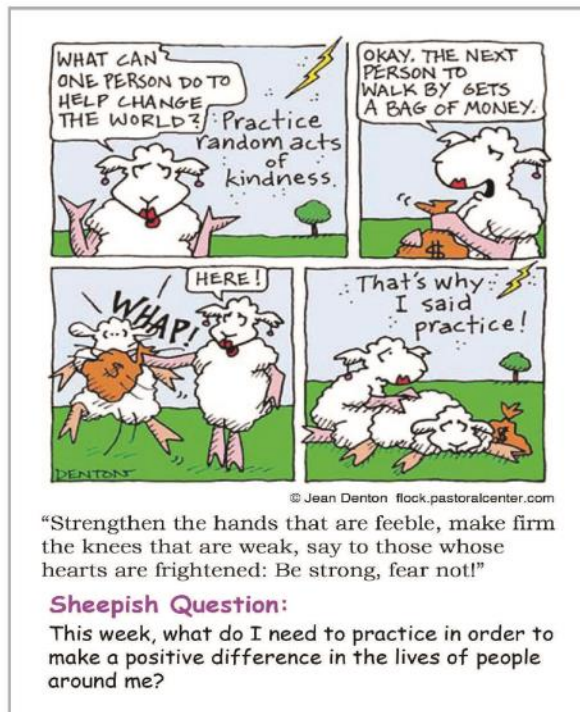
All four gospels give an account of Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. This story by the author of John's gospel (who was not the same person as John the Baptist) is perhaps the most puzzling of the four. John speaks in somewhat odd and cryptic language, beginning with "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

As Catholics today, we recognize that phrase from mass when the priest holds up the consecrated host. However, readers and hearers of John's Gospel would have understood it as a reference to their Jewish heritage. In Jesus' day, Jews would take a lamb to the Temple in Jerusalem to be sacrificed as an atonement for their sins. When John stated that Jesus was the Lamb of God, he was making quite a claim - that Jesus was taking the place of a sacrificial lamb and that he was taking on the sins of the entire world!

There are suggestions in several of the gospels that some people were beginning to think John the Baptist was the long-awaited Messiah. In this Gospel, John says everything he can to convince people that it isn't him, but Jesus, who deserves that recognition. Clearly, he had a profound experience after baptizing Jesus when the Spirit came "down like a dove from heaven," leaving him without a doubt that Jesus was the Messiah, not him.

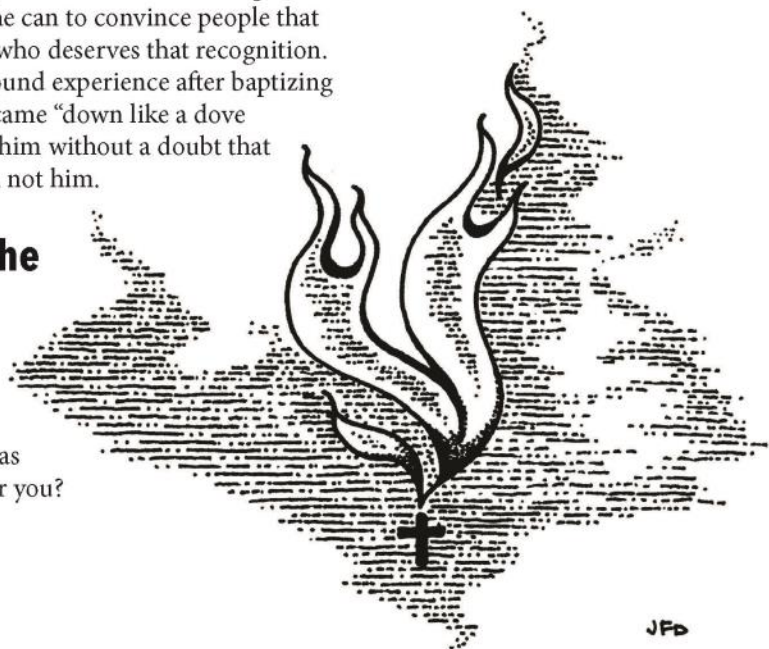
Questions of the Week

- 1 If you have children or godchildren who were baptized, what was that experience like for you?



- 2 Jesus is given many different titles in the Gospels: Lamb of God, Lord, Savior, Teacher, Christ, Messiah, etc. What title do you relate to the most? Why?

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The Best Ten Books That Found Me in 2019

There's a Latin axiom which argues that there's no accounting for taste, *de gustibus non est disputandum*. I reference it as to preamble to my annual list of the ten books I most enjoyed this past year because, admittedly, taste is somewhat subjective. I chose these particular books because they're the ones that spoke most deeply to me. Perhaps they won't speak to you in the same way. Fair enough. There's no accounting for taste.

So, here are the authors and the books that spoke to me most deeply during this past year ...

1. **Bernardo Olivera, How Far to Follow? The Martyrs of Atlas**. This book helps tell the inside story of the Trappist monks who were martyred by Islamic extremists in Algeria in 1996. Similar to the movie, *Of Gods and Men*, it focuses on the deep struggles these men underwent in making the decision not to leave their monastery and, instead, face martyrdom.
2. **Donald Senior, Raymond E. Brown and the Catholic Biblical Renewal**. Well-researched and well-written, this is a biography of the renowned scripture scholar, Raymond E. Brown, who stood out both for his scholarship and for his exemplary discipleship and priesthood. The book is more of an intellectual history of Brown than a chronicle of his life. It's interesting too because, by sharing Brown's intellectual history, Senior also highlights the particular theological and ecclesial struggles of Brown's generation. For many of us this will be hauntingly familiar.
3. **Rachel Held Evans**: This past year, scanning book reviews, I discovered the writings of Rachel Held Evans. I cite three of her works here that spoke to me very deeply: *Searching for Sunday, Loving, Leaving, and Finding Church; Inspired, Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*; and *A Year of Biblical Womanhood*. Rachel grew up a cradle Evangelical with a deep and solid faith, but adulthood brought its own challenges, particularly for someone of her courage and honesty. These books chronicle Rachel's struggle with her religious mother-tongue, her falling out of her faith story, and her particular way of finding her way back in. Her story articulates the struggle of millions. It's an invaluable read, irrespective of one's religious mother-tongue. She's also an exceptionally gifted writer. Sadly, she died in May at the age of 37. We lost a needed religious voice, but what she left us can help many a person sort through his or her religious struggles.
4. **Jean Bosco Rutagengwa, Love Prevails, One Couple's Story of Faith and Survival in the Rwandan Genocide**. Someone once said that if you want to understand the tragedy of the Second World War you can read a thousand books about it and watch a thousand hours of film – or you can read the *Diary of Anne Frank*. This is such a “diary”, written inside the horrors of the Rwandan Genocide.
5. **Robert Ellsberg, A Living Gospel, Reading God's Story in Holy Lives**. The lives of the saints are our living gospel and Robert Ellsberg is the foremost hagiographer in the English language today. This, wonderfully readable, book teaches us both what hagiography is and why it's important.
6. **Margaret Renkl, Late Migrations, A Natural History of Love and Loss**. This is a unique kind of book, a poetics of sorts on love, nature, adoration, family life, death, dying, and human resiliency. This is a piece of art.
7. **Richard Rohr, The Universal Christ**. This book will challenge you and will, with a sound scriptural theology, challenge mainline theology in its popular conception of both the intent and the scope of the incarnation. An important read.
8. **Ruth Burrows, Before the Living God**. This is Ruth Burrows' autobiography. I first read it thirty-two years ago. It moved me then and it moved me even more thirty-two years later. In her story, you will better understand your own story and the movement of God in your life.
9. **David Brooks, The Second Mountain, The Quest for a Moral Life**. Brooks' *Second Mountain* very much corresponds to what spiritual writers like Richard Rohr call *the Second-Half of Life*. Drawing upon his own story and creatively mixing secular and religious perspectives, Brooks lays out a challenging vision of what it means to mature, to move from being the hungry child to becoming the blessing adult. An excellent read.
10. **Mary Jo Leddy, Why Are We Here, A Meditation on Canada**. Not least, a book from a Canadian. Mary Jo Leddy, the Founder and Director of *Romero House* for refugees in Toronto has always been a prophetic voice. In this book, she submits that every country has its “original sin”, some primal fault in its origins that now taints its present. For Canada, she argues, it was how it treated its indigenous peoples as it formed itself into a nation. Canada is not unique in having such an “original sin”. Every country has it. Everyone should read this book.

I apologize that this year's list, again, does not include any novels.



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