

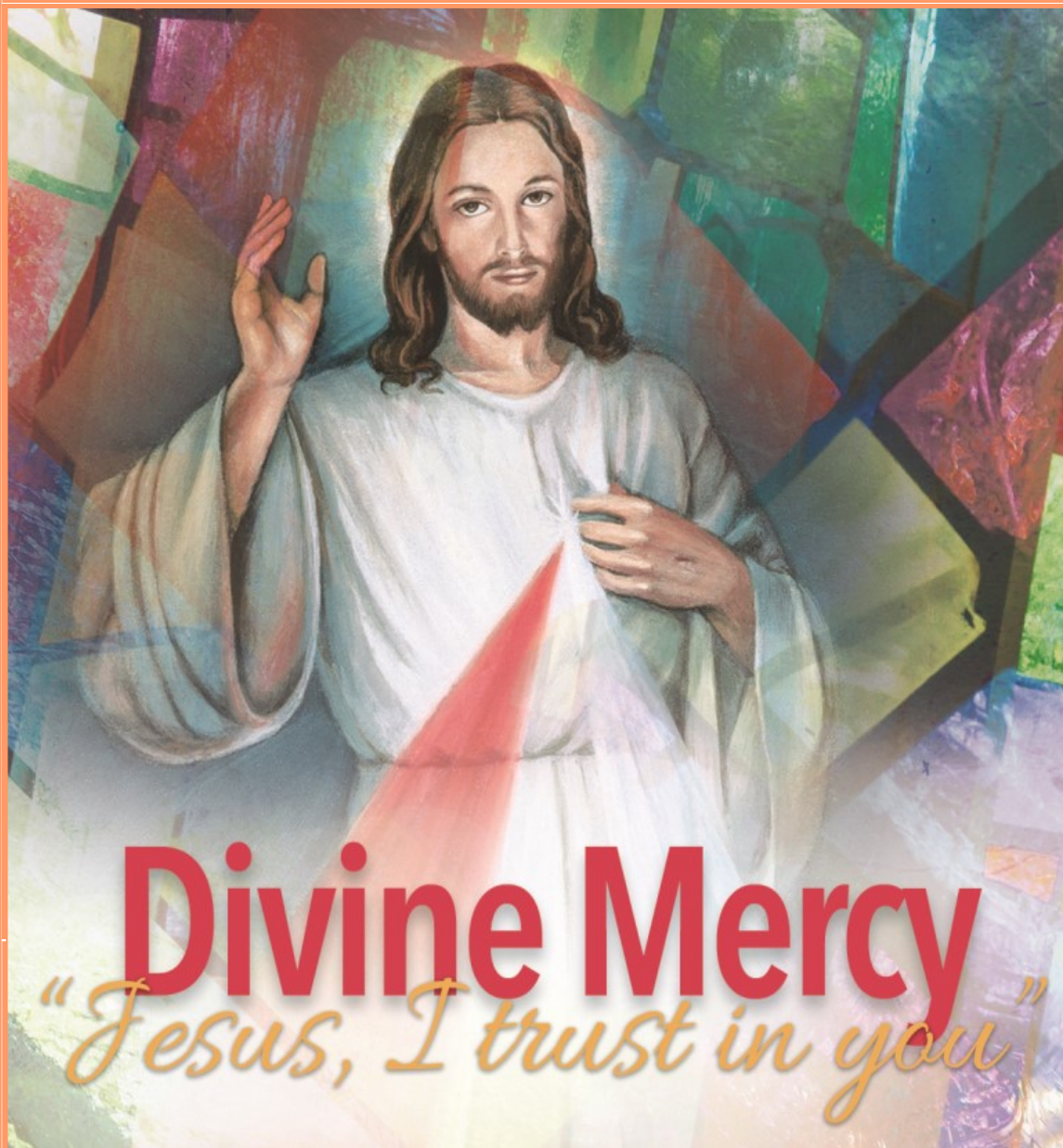


The Parish of Saints Philip and James
One Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

631-584-5454

Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 8, 2018



“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

Parish Center Office Hours:

Sunday ~ Closed
Monday: 9am-8pm

Tuesday & Wednesday: 9am-5pm
Thursday: 9am-8pm

Friday: 9am-12 Noon
Saturday: 10am-2pm

Parish Center Phone ~ 631-584-5454

Parish Center Fax~ 631-862-9675

Web ~ www.sspj.org

Pastoral Team

Father Tom Haggerty		Pastor
Father Patrick Osei-Poku		Associate Pastor
Deacon Ronald Blasius		Deacon
Deacon John Keenan		Deacon
Deacon Ken Maher		Deacon
Margaret Adams		Director of Music
Virginia Portanova		Business Manager
John Cordes		Director of Facilities
Lynn Sisti		Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry
Charlotte Czujko		Religious Education Coordinator Grades 1-2
Barbara Luna		Religious Education Coordinator Grades 3-6
Dominick Avento		Religious Education Coordinator Grades 7-8
Suzanne Fitzgibbon		Religious Education Administrator
Frank Brancaccio		Youth Minister

Pastoral Council

Claire DiCarlo, Chris Donnelly, Ryan Doyle, Richard Frazita, Lou Guerra, Cynthia Lombardi,
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Trustees

Jerry Linder ~ Tina Cafaro

SSPJ School—Principal Ruth E. Testa

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 RCLIA.

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

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

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

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

Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Yes, I know last Sunday we celebrated Easter, rejoicing in Jesus' Resurrection. But Easter isn't just one day. The Easter Season lasts for *fifty days*. And in reality, we celebrate Christ's Resurrection every day. We are an Easter people!

What does that mean? Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM, writes,

"In the Risen Christ, God reveals the final state of all reality. God forbids us to accept "as-it-is" in favor of "what-God's-love-can-make-it". To believe in Resurrection means to cross limits and transcend boundaries. Because of the promise of the Resurrection of Jesus we realistically can believe that tomorrow can be better than today. There is a future that is created by God, and much bigger than our own efforts.

We should not just believe in some kind of survival or immortality or just "life after death" – but Resurrection, an utterly new creation, a transformation into Love that is promised as the final chapter of all history. That is why a true Christian has to be an optimist. In fact, if you are not an optimist, you haven't got it yet."

During the 50 days of Easter we will be blessed at the beginning of each Mass with water, a reminder of our baptismal commitment which we renewed on Easter. These drops of holy water being sprinkled upon us are a sign of God's continued loving presence and support as we live as disciples of Jesus – as optimists – and as Apostles of Hope.

This Sunday is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, reminding us of the call to each of us to be so touched by God's mercy that we will extend that mercy to all. Pope John Paul II designated Divine Mercy Sunday in April of 2000, when he canonized St. Faustina, a Polish nun whose great devotion to Jesus and his divine mercy has spread throughout the world.

Thanks, too, to all who have helped us move toward reaching our Catholic Ministry Appeal goal. Since the Easter season lasts for 50 days, we still have time to complete our goal. These funds help so many in our diocese, and our parish will also receive a rebate for use at home. If you are able to and have not made a pledge or a onetime donation, please consider doing so.

On Saturday April 14, 2018 Confirmation will be celebrated at SSPJ. The candidates have been deeply touched by the ministry of our Confirmation Coordinator, Dominick Avento. Thank you, Dom, for your faithfulness in preparing our young people and assisting our catechists. You are a true Apostle of Hope!

Our Candidates have also appreciated Matthew Kelly's insights. Matthew Kelly is the author of book you received on Easter Sunday. I hope you enjoy reading it. A conversation regarding what's in the book will be planned. This conversation and reflection will be one of the activities to take place in our "new old church".

There is a letter from one of our Religious Education parents in today's bulletin which offers some food for thought regarding the reflections our young people have been doing on the Sunday readings. Please take a few moments to read the letter. And please continue to read the letters regarding SSPJ School. Help us to spread the Good News!

And finally, an oldie:

"After the Easter Vigil baptism of his little brother, Johnny sobbed in the back seat of the car all the way home. His father and mother asked him what was wrong. He answered: "The priest said he wanted us boys to be brought up in a good Christian home, and I want to stay with you guys."

Peace,

Father Tom

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 8, 2018
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Assumption of the BVM Church
20 Chestnut St
Centereach, NY 11720
631-585-8760

Day of Grace Program

Talk by Fr. John Paul, CFR
Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, CFR
Music led by
Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, CFR

Divine Mercy Devotion
-Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
-Sacrament of Reconciliation
-Divine Mercy Chaplet
-Holy Rosary
-Benediction
-Veneration of the relic of St. Faustina

Immediately following:

Join together in the Parish Hall at 6:00 pm
Fellowship and Pizza Party with the Friars and Sisters
Coffee, Cake and Refreshments included

Bring a non-perishable food item for the Friar's Pantry



HOSPITALITY SUNDAY BREAKFAST TODAY!! SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH, 2018

AFTER THE 8AM AND 10 AM MASSES

IN THE AUDITORIUM
Please stop by and meet with friends
both "old" and "new"
Join as a light breakfast is served by the
dedicated members of the Knights of
Columbus



PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY GANG SUNDAYS

"When did we see you hungry and feed you?"

What is this? A service opportunity aimed at feeding the hungry on Long Island by making sandwiches for distribution to local social service agencies.

When? Sunday- April 15, 2018

Time? 11:15 to 12:30 (Check in at 11:05)

Where? Auditorium

Who? Any person or family with a desire to make a difference in the community.

****Volunteers are asked to bring three loaves of WHOLE WHEAT bread, one jar of jelly and two jars of peanut butter.** In addition, any youth volunteers are to be picked up in front of SSPJ School on Clinton Ave. at 12:15-12:30

******WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF BOXES TO TRANSPORT OUR SANDWICHES . WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMPUTER PAPER BOXES WITH LIDS TO BE DROPPED OFF IN THE AUDITORIUM THE MORNING OF THE PBJ SESSION. THANK YOU!!**

If you are interested in our next Peanut Butter Sunday, please complete the registration form, which can be obtained at the Pastoral Center. Any questions, please leave a message at 584-5454 and we will contact you as soon as possible.

The Journey toward Easter at Saints Philip & James Parish ~ 2018

12 Apostles of Hope ~ Holy Thursday



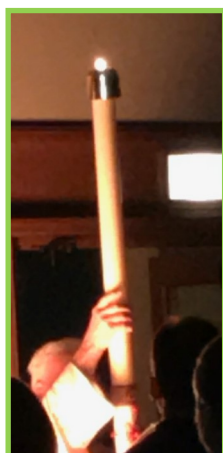
Pictured: Art Dunn, James Jackson, Marti Dreschler, Tess Laiz, Danny Redmond, Devin Bilski, Barbara O'Donnell, Grace Cazzangia, Janice Caltabiano, Helen Collins and Mary Fitzmaurice



**Youth Ministry
Living Stations of the Cross**



Easter Vigil ~ Christ Be Our Light ~ We welcome Tom Parish & William Haff



As the Religious Education Year Comes to an End...

A "Reflection" upon Sunday Mass Reflections

My family has been faithful parishioners of SSPJ for the past twelve years, moving over from a neighboring parish for the warm, small community feeling SSPJ offered. Our two older children have completed the SSPJ religious education program and are now active participants in the parish's youth group on Wednesday evenings. Our two younger children are currently involved in the religious education program (grades two and six).

This year our parish instituted a "Reflection Program" for the SSPJ religious education students. For those not familiar with the program, it is essentially a weekly requirement wherein all students (grades 2-7) complete written questions based upon the Readings and Gospel, and turn them in at the end of each Mass for review. My family struggled with several aspects of this program, and we learned that other families in our parish had concerns as well.

To say that this program had a rocky start is an understatement. From our perspective, there was a lot of miscommunication surrounding the program, the rules seemed to change on the fly, and many in the parish seemed to perceive the program as some sort of punishment. Because we were concerned with the impact our family was feeling over these new changes, as well as some of the things we were hearing from others (whether accurate or not), we decided to meet with Father Tom to discuss the issue. Our main concern was the additional stress these weekly assignments were causing our children.

Father Tom listened to our concerns and acknowledged the failures, explaining that it was never the intention to cause stress to the children or parents of the parish. He explained that the reflection program was intended to be a welcoming/welcoming-back to Mass, as well as a tool to help children get more out of the Mass by connecting the weekly assignments with the Readings and Gospel. Understanding his perspective made us realize that the program has a lot of merit, and with some minor improvements it has the potential to greatly strengthen our parish.

Father Tom assured us that the reflection program will be revisited and revised for next year, and that every effort will be made to "keep the good parts" and "get rid of the bad parts". He also made it clear that he plans to solicit input on the program from all catechists, and is open to ideas from members of the congregation as well.

On the drive home, my wife and I discussed how lucky we are to be members of a parish that values the input of its parishioners. Father Tom was open, honest, and invited us to be part of the solution. We've really come to appreciate the pews being full of young families. Hopefully over the past few months many have come to the realization that attending regular Mass at SSPJ with their families and fellow community members *simply makes life better*.

Tom Sheridan

Some Food for Thought....Reflection tidbits straight from the our Religious Education students!

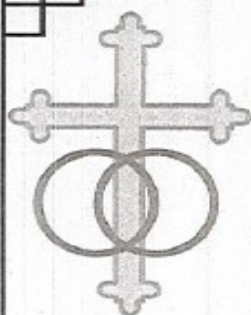
**Reflection Question: Grades 5&6: What are kinds of ways that something can be "saved."
(use your imagination:)**

***Response: "I would save a frog from getting run over by a car,
because it could be your prince!"***



Reflection Question: "What do the 10 Commandments mean to you?"

Response: "Rules with benefits!"



The Diocese of Rockville Centre
Golden Wedding Liturgy
Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years or More

Sunday, April 29, 2018
2:30 p.m.

Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa

- Please fill in the form below, have it signed by your pastor or someone designated by him and return to the address below.
- Approximately one week before the liturgy, you will be mailed a letter confirming your registration and directions.
- There will be reserved seating for the registered couples only. Family and friends will be seated on a first come-first served basis.
- After the liturgy, there will be an opportunity to have a photo taken with the celebrating bishop if you wish.
- You will be mailed a complimentary photo and certificate approximately four to six weeks after the liturgy.

Please mail completed form to : Diocese of Rockville Centre
Office of Worship
PO Box 9023
Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023

Registration must be received by April 13, 2018.
For questions, please call 516-678-5800, ext. 504.

(cut here and return form below)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Mr. _____ Mrs. _____
First Name First Name Last Name

Address _____ Town _____ Zip Code _____

Wedding Date _____ Phone # _____
mm/dd/yy Area code + Number

We will attend the Golden Wedding Celebration on:

_____ Sunday, April 29 at St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa

I wish to Lector _____ Name _____

In order to seat those who require special assistance accordingly, please let us know if you or your spouse use a: wheelchair _____ cane _____ walker _____

Current Parish _____ Town _____ Current Pastor's Signature _____

Next Weekend: April 14th & 15th, 2018 Second Collection:
For Building Maintenance, your generosity is greatly appreciated.
Thank you

Circle of Women Welcomes Spring

*The new life, the new growth that
is planted within...*

Gathering together on,

Monday, April 16, 2018

At 7pm

*All women, all Moms, all sisters, daughters, friends and new
friends are welcome*

Every tulip reaches toward the sun...

Religious Education News for the Week of April 8th, 2018

*The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on
Saturday, April 14th, 2018
At Sts. Philip & James at 11am and 2pm
Please pray for our Candidates and their Sponsors and
Families as they approach this blessed day.*

Confirmation II Rehearsal :
11am Confirmation

Monday, April 9, 2018

**At 7pm
In the Church**



Confirmation II Rehearsal
2pm Confirmation

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

**At 7pm
In the Church**

Sharing the Good News and Blessings of SSPJ School!

My name is Jaime Carey and I was asked to share with you why my husband and I chose to send our children to Saints Philip and James School. From the outside, it might look like an easy decision and many might assume the obvious reasons played a large part. Things such as my husband and his four siblings graduated from SSPJ, or maybe because a family member of ours worked there at the time, or maybe the reason is because Saints Philip and James has been my husband's parish for 30 plus years.

While all of those are good reasons, for me it was much more than that. For those of you that don't know me or my background I will share with you that I went to a giant public school from kindergarten to my senior year of high school and I was raised in the Methodist religion. My first real introduction into the Catholic faith and Catholic education was through my choice of college. I didn't even know it was a Catholic institution when I chose it or really what that meant for my education. Through this experience I met many friends who had gone to Catholic high schools and for the first time I realized how different each person's education can be. We may all have learned to read and write and figure out algebra, but there was so much more to education than just the book knowledge. Don't get me wrong, I had a great experience in school with some of the best teachers ever, but I was suddenly aware there were other choices out there.

*Through a series of events, I ended up working at a Catholic high school early in my career. Seeing from the inside the way these students valued their education, faith and commitment to service seemed familiar. It was an approach that I had seen with some of my friends in college and ultimately with my husband and his family. For the first time I started to think, "This is what I want for my children." When the time came for our oldest to start school, I was the one who first suggested we look at SSPJ. My father always said, **"the decisions we make determine the direction our lives will take,"** and I feel that a series of decisions, some by intent and some by chance, led me here.*

So, why did I choose Saints Philip and James School? Well, I've given you the long answer but really I would say, in a sense it chose me. I realized somewhere along the way that I wanted to give my own children a sense of community and commitment to service as a large part of their education. When my husband and I visited SSPJ we immediately felt that the school places a strong emphasis on these values in particular, not to mention the caring teachers and staff who strive endlessly to help each child reach his or her full potential. Being kind and serving others, in my opinion, should be at the forefront of any educational experience and it is no more so embodied than at Saints Philip and James School.



This is why I chose SSPJ~A Beautiful note from Cat Keenan

Like every mother, I want the best for my child. So when it came time to make a decision as to where to send my daughter to school, I thought and prayed long and hard about what would be best for her. I knew above all that I wanted more than just a great education for my daughter; I wanted her to receive a great education in a safe, loving and Christian environment, where religion and family values would be a pillar of her time there—not just academics and test scores.

I was blessed to find that my parish—Saints Phillip and James—offered exactly this, and that it's one of Long Island's best-performing Catholic schools, as well. I knew immediately that it was the perfect fit for my daughter, who has struggled cognitively but excelled academically, and with joy enrolled her at SSPJ, where she has flourished ever since.



Music Ministry

Happy Easter from the Music Ministry!!

A special thank you goes out to all in the music ministry for your hard work, dedication and commitment. Your music helped make Lent/Holy week more prayerful.

The parts of the Mass will be changing to the Mass of Christ the Savior.

In the Music Issue # 921, 922, 925 and 926.

And the Gloria is back!! # 918 in the Music Issue

Since we couldn't sing Alleluia's during Lent, I try to use many hymns with Alleluia's in them throughout the Easter Season

Jesus is Risen, Alleluia!

The choir's special songs are a mixture of Classical, Praise and Worship and children's songs. We cover it all. A fun time for Music. These songs will continue throughout the Easter season.

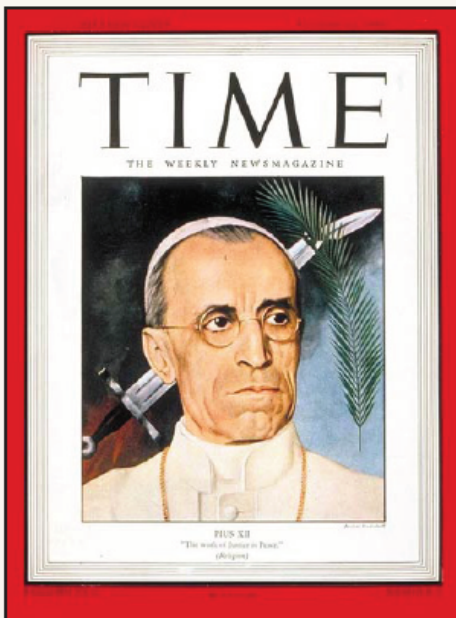
So... sing with us, clap with us, and worship with us. Bottom line

"Sing your praise to God"
Blessed Easter to All

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 9, 2018

Speaker: Mr. Charles Morgan, Retired Asst. Prof. of History, Dowling College
Topic: "Pope Pius XII, Servant of God?"

The Church has been blessed with many great popes lately—Popes John XXIII, Paul VI, and John Paul II have all been declared saints. The most controversial Pope in the 20th Century is Pope Pius XII, who led the Church during the dark days of World War II. Widely praised during and after the war for saving Jews and opposing fascism and communism, after his death Pius XII was falsely accused for having Nazi sympathies and remaining silent while the Third Reich exterminated millions of Jews. Unjustly, he was defamed as "Hitler's Pope." This myth, debunked by historians, still receives credence among those who hate the Catholic Church. Historian Charles Morgan will illustrate the life and work of Eugenio Pacelli, priest and diplomat, and then Pope from 1939 to 1958. He will show how the facts of his life and papacy belie the distortions heaped upon him only years after he died. Please join us Monday evening!

WHERE: The Pastoral Center/Sts. Philip & James Room: North Country Rd., Saint James, NY
TIME: 6:30 pm: Prayer Hour • 7:30 pm: Speaker Talk • 8:30 pm: Coffee & Cake

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

Website: www.sspjmensforum.org



PLEASE NOTE: We will meet in the Pastoral Center
in the Sts. Philip & James Room (next to the old Chapel)



2018 Goal

\$119,700

Pledges
at
4/3/2018

\$92,215

Alleluia! Christ is risen; truly, He is risen! That Easter greeting offers all of us hope, encouragement and perseverance.

**At this special time of year, let us witness Christ's Resurrection
by bringing hope and encouragement to others.**

Let us remember those of our neighbors who are hungry and in need, and
consider sharing our many gifts with them.



One way for us to do this is by donating to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. This Appeal assists our Church in bringing hope and encouragement to those in need in our Long Island community. Last year, *because of you* we were able to serve more than 600,000 people.

Make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish _____ Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____ Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

For more information about the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**,
please visit <http://www.drvc.org/CMA> or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

Parish Social Ministry



If you are fluent in any foreign language, please call the Parish Social Ministry Office at 631-584-5454.

We are doing a project for Pentecost and could use your help!

Thank you!



SSPJ 2018 Parish Project:
Help Father Patrick
"Raise the Roof"



Since Father Patrick left Ghana in 2014, work continues...it is our hope to assist in the effort of placing a roof to shelter all the faithful that gather in his name.



From the Committee for Peace, Justice and the Care of Creation

The talk on sustainability, originally planned for March 7, has been rescheduled for Monday, April 9. Join us to hear Dr. Katherine Aubrecht, Dept. of Chemistry SUSB, on environmental protection from a scientific perspective, in particular on the growing problem of plastic waste and ways to combat it. We will meet at 7:30 PM in the St. James, Setauket parish center Room 104.

The hands of compassionate Apostles of Hope are needed locally:

Helping hands to do food shopping for an elderly person once every two weeks
and
A "friendly visitor" to share time with a Parishioner who resides in the Fairfield community.

If you are interested in lending a helping hand, kindly contact Lynn Sisti-Parish Social Ministry Coordinator at 631-584-5454

Many thanks for your kindness and consideration.



Displaced Homemaker Program
in conjunction with the
Suffolk County One-Stop Employment Center

725 Veterans Memorial Highway

Hauppauge, New York

Call - (631) 853-6540

Suffolk County residents who are widowed, divorced, separated and unemployed or underemployed and are struggling to make ends meet.

*Prepare today to enter the workforce of tomorrow!
Move toward personal and economic self-sufficiency!
Discover opportunities that could change your life!*

Services are available at no cost to our customers

Counseling and Resource Referrals - Individual assessment and career counseling services.

Career Preparation - Workshops in Choices Exploration, Resume & Cover Letter Preparation, Interviewing Techniques, Salary Negotiations, Internet Job Search Techniques, Transferable Skills, Employability Skills for the Workplace, Networking and Social Media.

Computer Classes & Tutorials - Onsite classes and Tutorials in Microsoft Office applications.

Vocational Education Classroom Training - Subject to funding availability and program regulations.

Career Quests - Opportunities to find your personal career direction by meeting and speaking to industry leaders.

Job Fairs/On-Site Recruitments - Meet company representative who attend our events seeking to hire new staff.

Career Couture - Onsite boutique offering individuals appropriate interview and new job attire without charge.

Access - computers/internet, job listings, phones, faxes and copiers



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Frank Nardelli, Commissioner of Labor, Licensing & Consumer Affairs James DiLiberto, Workforce Investment Board Chair
Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities
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SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of April 8th, 2018

Sunday, April 8th, 2018

8:00am	SSPJ School Guild Dine Around Ticket Sale	<small>School Lobby</small>
8:00am	Knights of Columbus Hospitality Sunday	Auditorium
8:30am	RCIA	SSPJ Room
10:00am	Children's Liturgy	School Multi-purpose Rm
11:00am	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Wksp
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room

Monday, April 9th, 2018 ~ The Annunciation of the Lord

1:15pm	Senior Group Meeting	SSPJ Room
6:30pm	Men's Forum	Philip & James Rm.
6:30pm	Youth Leadership Training	Cantina
7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting	Auditorium
7:00pm	REO Confirmation II Rehearsal (11am)	Church

Tuesday, April 10th, 2018:

1:30pm	Spirit of Love Prayer Group	Prayer Room Church
4:30pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Choir Loft
7:00pm	St. Monica Prayer Group	Cantina
7:30pm	Chords of Faith Rehearsal	Choir Loft
7:30pm	Respect Life Committee Meeting	Cantina
8:00pm	Boy Scout Leadership Meeting	Monte Building

Wednesday, April 11th, 2018:

10:00am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Philip & James Room
7:00pm	Youth Ministry	Auditorium
7:00pm	Confirmation II Rehearsal (2:00)	Church

Thursday, April 12th, 2018:

2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
6:00pm	Junior Catholic Daughter's Meeting	Philip & James Rm
7:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Choir Loft

Friday, April 13th, 2018:

3:00pm	Cub Scout Meeting	Philip & James Room
3:00pm	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Wksp
7:00pm	Wash Kit Gang	Auditorium
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room
8:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church

Saturday, April 14th, 2018:

10:00am	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Wksp
5:00pm	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Church
5:00pm	Guild "Dine Around" Ticket Sale	School Lobby

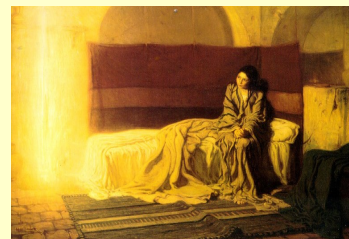
Our Altar Candles

*For the Week of
April 8th, 2018*

*Are burning
In Loving Memory
Of
Joey Morda
With All My Love,
Mam*

*Our lady was full of God
because she lived for God
alone, yet she thought of
herself only as the handmaid
of the Lord. Let us do the
same.*

St Teresa of Calcutta



Weekly Collection:

**Easter Sunday
Sunday April 1, 2018**

**Sunday Collection: \$33,833.
Faith Direct: \$3,823**

Total Collection: \$37,656

*Many thanks for your generous
support of
Sts. Philip & James Parish*

*Katies Way Collection: Saturday, April 14 at 1pm:
403 Lake Ave St James
Collecting New & Gently used baby items.*



The Effects of Drugs of Abuse on the Teen Brain

In an effort to inform and educate students and parents regarding the increasing problems of drug usage and addiction, Sts. Philip and James School will host a drug awareness presentation – “*The Effects of Drugs of Abuse on the Teen Brain*” on Tuesday, April 24th from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Our presenter for the evening will be Dr. Stephen Dewey. Dr. Dewey will explain how alcohol and drug use affects the developing adolescent and adult brain. Dr. Dewey has spoken to thousands of school-aged children, parents, teachers, administrators, and counselors.

Please fill out the form below and return to the School Office or email the School at cewald5633@sspjschool.net by Friday, April 20th to reserve seats.

Thank you.

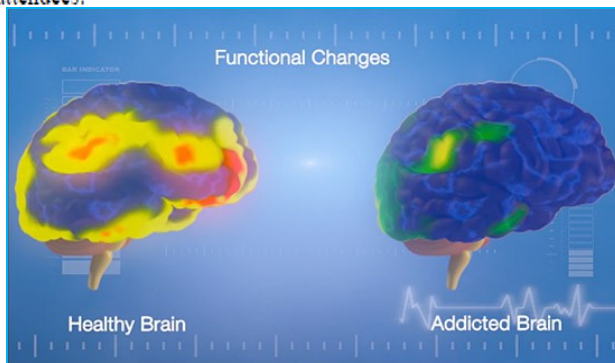
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Drug Awareness Presentation – Tuesday, April 24th – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Number of attendees: _____



The Saint Monica Prayer Group will be meeting on **Tuesday, April 10th at 7:00pm** in the Parish Center Cantina

All are welcome to attend

Immediately following the **Respect Life Committee** will be meeting at **7:30pm** in the Parish Center Cantina at 7:30pm

Again, All are most Welcome!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Will be meeting on **Wednesday, April 11, 2018 At 10:00 am in the Philip & James Room.**

All are invited to join, crochet and knitting lessons are always graciously offered.

Prayer shawls, blankets and hats are crafted for our brothers and sisters in need.

For more information kindly contact Marge at 631-439-0468

The Junior Catholic Daughters Will be meeting on

Thursday, April 12th, 2018

At 6:00pm in the SSPJ Room

The Wash Kit Gang will meet on : **Friday, April 13th, 2018 From 7-8pm in the Auditorium**

Donations of trial size soap, trial size shampoo, zip lock sandwich bags, wash cloths, band aids, and hard candy are always needed and appreciated.

All are invited to attend, Children must be accompanied by a parent, but are always welcome.

Please help us to HELP those in need.

Mass Intentions, For the week of April 8th, 2018

Saturday, April 7th, 2018

8:00pm **Mark Robert Guglielmo**

Sunday, April 8th, 2018

8:00am **Easter Novena**

10:00am **Antonina Griffo**

12:00Noon **Collective Mass:**
Joseph Morda
William Pace
Lise Dugandzic
Arturo & Evelyn Pace
Louis Joseph DeFrank

Monday, April 9th, 2018~The Annunciation of the Lord

7:30am **Easter Novena**

9:15am **Michael Szypot Jr.**

Tuesday, April 10th, 2018

7:30am **Olivia DiNucci**

9:15am **Patrick Tusa**

We Ask You to Remember Our Brothers & Sisters In your Prayers those who are ill...

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Angela Amoroso
Angela Boccio McComb
AnnMarie M.
Baby Mattia Lubrano
Betty Schmidt
Brett Dowling
Brennan Steinorth
Bryan Van Colt
Carole Hennessy
Carol Walz
Catherine Burseind
Christel DeBlasio
Christopher Tallarico
Daisy Abruzzo
Dawn Kopel
Dylan Lauro
Eileen Zink
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Greg
Helen McDowell
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James Gietzen
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Joseette Perconti
Joseph Perconti

Joe Alberigo
John Capizzio
John Hernandez
Julianne
Kathleen N.
Kitty Cronin
Kylie Quigley
Laura Andrucki & family
Linda Sue
Louis Giordano
Marie DelCiello,
Marie Fabry
Marie Loughlin
Mary McDonough
Michael LaVecchia
Nancy Fornabio
Pasquale Santoro
Patricia Casey
Patricia Fontana
Patricia Monetti
Robin Graham Denis
Raymond Fox
Rosemary Morgan
Sean Winters
Suzanne McCue
Terence Hobbes
Teresa Orlik
Vivien Cordes

Wednesday, April 11th, 2018

7:30am **Thomas A. Logan**

9:15am

Thursday, April 12th, 2018

7:30am

9:15am **Collective Mass:**
Edward Corvi

Friday, April 13th, 2018

7:30am **Terry Byrne**

9:15am **Jean Morcone**

Saturday, April 14th, 2018

9:15am **Edgidio Leva**

5:00pm **Catherine O'Loughlin**

Sunday, April 15th, 2018

For the Parishioners of SSPJ

8:00am

10:00am

Margaret Castiglie

12:00Noon

Collective Mass:
Joseph Caltabiano
Beverly Ciralli
Philip Ruggiero
Edward Corvi
Sally Washburn
Gerard Dundon

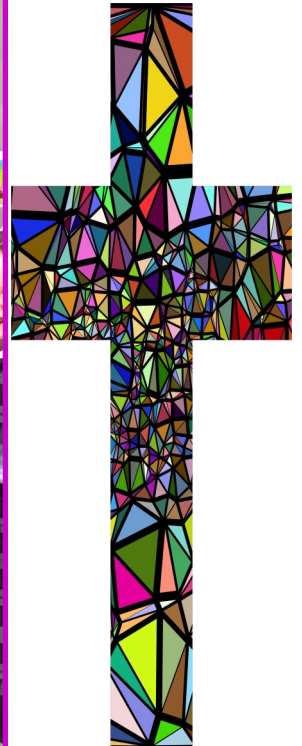
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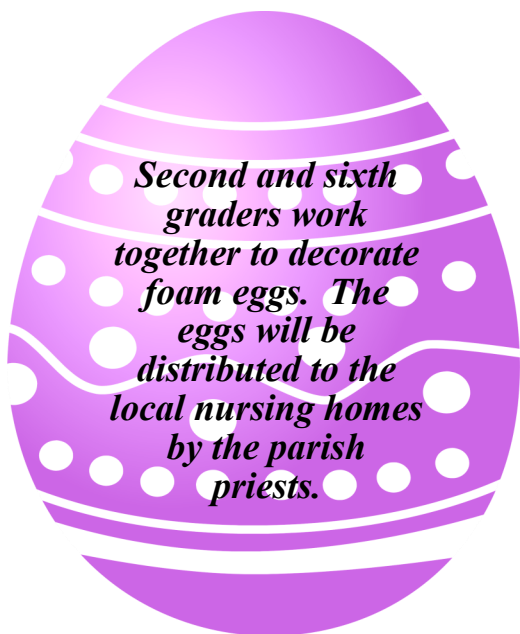
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SSPJ School News



Miss Catherine a SSPJ parishioner visits the second grade. She admires the way they colored the crosses she gave them. The crosses tell the story of Holy Week.



Second and sixth graders work together to decorate foam eggs. The eggs will be distributed to the local nursing homes by the parish priests.



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 for information about the 2018 season as well as registration forms and fees. Any questions/comments please contact:

MaryBeth Dearie: (631) 675-6072 info@sspjtrack.com



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PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR April 14th & 15th, 2018

Saturday, April 14, 2018 5:00 PM	Sunday, April 15, 2018 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, April 15, 2018 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, April 15, 2018 12:00 MASS
Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Tom Haggerty
Deacon Ron	Deacon Ron	Deacon John	Deacon John

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE-FOR April 14th & 15th, 2018

Saturday, April 14th, 2018	Sunday, April 15, 2018	Sunday, April 15, 2018	Sunday, April 15, 2018
5:00 PM	8:00 AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
J. Giacalone	K. Rapp	L. Patalano	D. Coppola
W. Van Gostein	E. Sica	W. Rodriguez	B. Chandler
G. Alfano	T. Sica	J. Scott	J. Hanrahan
I. Arevalo	J. Harvey	L. Sisti	M. Lebrun
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P. Damato	M. Kenney	J. Sweeney	M. Napoli
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J. Duffy	P. Martin	M. Tangel	A. Santo
A. Dunn	L. Beisel	M. Tully	M. Dolce
D. Earl	C. Czujko	M. Latino	E. Sotomayer

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE-FOR April 14th & 15th, 2018

Saturday, April 14, 2018	Sunday, April 15, 2018	Sunday, April 15, 2018	Sunday, April 15, 2018
5:00PM MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
B. Doran	J. Saladino	B. Dearie	A. Miloscia
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J. Scmillio	C. Morbillo	G. Cusumano	A. Frankenberger
R. Lauro	G. Morbillo	N. Cusumano	B. Frankenberger
N. Pappas	B. Kieran	P. Cusumano	C. D'Agostino

LECTOR SCHEDULE-FOR April 14th & 15th, 2018

Saturday, April 14, 2018	Sunday, April 15, 2018	Sunday, April 15, 2018	Sunday, April 15, 2018
5:00PM MASS	8:00 AM MASS	10:00AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
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Getting Ready for Next Sunday

April 15th— Third Sunday of Easter— Cycle B

Scripture Readings ONLINE

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

Reflections on Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 John 2:1-5a

Psalms 4

Luke 24:35-48

All too often we fester in our own hurt, even when others turn to us for forgiveness. We may judge that it is better to preserve our sense of hurt than to free a repentant sister or brother from the heavy burden of guilt. Today's readings show us that the graciousness of pardon outweighs the enormity of sin. They challenge the modern believer to focus on repentant sisters and brothers, not on the lingering malaise of personal hurt.

The passage from Acts is part of Peter's Temple sermon. The audience's sin is that they were responsible for Jesus' death. In calling for conversion, Peter refers to the ignorance of the audience. They are to turn aside from their evil way and turn toward God. Though the killing of Jesus is a serious sin, it can yet be forgiven.

The passage from John's first epistle shows that the secessionists (those who have broken away from the author's community) have falsely claimed a communion with God, in spite of the fact that they walk in darkness. They deny their sin. The author replies that his community walks in the light and publicly confesses the likelihood of sin. Communion with one another means that the community experiences the cleansing from sin that Jesus has made possible.

The gospel passage is part of Luke's account of the appearance of Jesus to the apostolic circle. It consists of an appearance and an instruction. In the appearance scene the household meal is linked to those meals where Jesus' forgiveness played a central role. In the instruction scene, Jesus preaches penance and forgiveness.

As Christians, we are not isolated individuals. Our calling is to imitate Jesus. To say "I forgive you" is to say "I love my community and, therefore, I love you." To reconcile is to profess that the Christian community is a forgiving community.

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

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For reflection...

When he appeared in their midst, why did Jesus say, "Peace be with you" to his disciples? What was the emotional atmosphere in the group at that time? Are there moments in your life when you are distraught and you need some peace?

Do you reach for God in our midst or God far away? Jesus said, "Touch me and see." Does it help you that Jesus has experienced trials like yours?

In the midst of community, Jesus confronts doubts and fears with a message of peace. How does our faith community help you to recognize Christ in its midst, confronting doubt and fear and proclaiming peace?

In the first reading, Peter preaches repentance. Peter speaks from experience. How might reflecting on Peter's denial of Jesus, his repentance and sorrow, and his moving onward help us in our life experience?

WHEN TIME STANDS STILL

The theory of relativity tells us that space and time are not what they appear to be. They're relative, meaning that don't always function in the same way and they aren't always experienced in the same way. Time can stand still.

Or can it? This side of eternity, it would seem not. Ever since the universe started with a mammoth explosion some 13.8 billion years ago the clock has been running non-stop, like a merciless meter, moving relentlessly forwards.

However, our faith suggests that time will be different in eternity, so different in fact that we cannot now even imagine how it will be in heaven. As St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Corinthians: *Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him.* How will time be experienced in heaven? As we've just affirmed, that cannot be imagined now.

Or can it? In a wonderful new book on the Resurrection and Eternal Life, *Is This All There Is*, the renowned, German scripture scholar, Gerhard Lohfink, suggests that we can and sometimes do have an experience of time as it will be experienced in eternity. For Lohfink, we experience this whenever we're in *adoration*.

For him, the highest form of prayer is adoration. But what does it mean to "adore" God and why is that the highest form of prayer? Lohfink answers: "In adoration we ask nothing more of God. When I *lament* before God it is usually my own suffering that is the starting point. Even when I *petition* God, the occasion is often my own problem. I need something from God. And even when I *thank* God, unfortunately I am usually thankful for something I have received. But when I *adore*, I let go of myself and look only to God."

Admittedly, lament, petition, and thanksgiving are high forms of prayer. An old, classical, and very good, definition of prayer defines prayer as "lifting mind and heart to God", and what's in our hearts virtually at all times is some form of lament, petition, or thanksgiving. Moreover, Jesus invites us to ask God for whatever is in our heart at a given moment: "Ask and you will receive." Lament, petition, and thanksgiving are good forms of prayer; but, in praying them, we're still focused in some manner on ourselves, on our needs and our joys.

However in adoration we look to God or at some attribute of God (beauty, goodness, truth, or oneness) so strongly that everything else drops away. We stand in pure wonder, pure admiration, ecstatic awe, entirely stripped of our own heartaches, headaches, and idiosyncratic focus. God's person, beauty, goodness, and truth overwhelm us so as to take our minds off of ourselves and leave us standing outside of ourselves.

And being free of our own selves is the very definition of ecstasy (from the Greek, *EK STASIS*, to stand outside oneself.) Thus, to be in adoration is to be in ecstasy – though, admittedly, that's generally not how we imagine ecstasy today. For us, ecstasy is commonly imagined as an earthshaking standing *inside* of ourselves, idiosyncrasy in its peak expression. But true ecstasy is the opposite. It's adoration.

Moreover, for Lohfink, not only is adoration the only true form of ecstasy, it's also a way of being in heaven already right now and of experiencing time as it will be in heaven. Here's how he puts it: "In the miracle of adoration we are already with God, entirely with God, and the boundary between time and eternity is removed. It is true that we cannot now comprehend that adoring God will be endless bliss. We always want to be doing something. We want to criticize, intervene, change, improve, shape. And rightly so! That is our duty. But in death, when we come to God, that all ceases. Then our existence will be pure astonishment, pure looking, pure praise, pure adoration – and unimaginable happiness. That is why there is also a form of adoration that uses no words. In it I hold out my own life to God, in silence, and with it the whole world, knowing God as Creator, as Lord, as the one to whom belongs all honor and praise. Adoration is the oblation of one's life to God. Adoration is surrender. Adoration means entrusting oneself entirely to God. As we dwell in adoration, eternity begins – an eternity that does not withdraw from the world but opens to it utterly."

Time can stand still! And it stands still when we're in pure admiration, in awe, in wonder, in adoration. In those moments we stand outside of ourselves, in the purest form of love that exists. At that moment too we are in heaven, not having a foretaste of heaven, but actually being in heaven. Eternity will be like that, one moment like a thousand years and a thousand years like one moment.

Eucharistic Adoration is held Thursdays from 2pm-4pm and Friday evenings from 8pm-9pm