



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

631-584-5454

September 15, 2019
Twenty-fourth Sunday
In Ordinary Time



*"I am grateful to him who has strengthened me,
Christ Jesus our Lord"*

1 Timothy 1:12

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

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

STS. PHILIP & JAMES PASTORAL STAFF

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Website—www.sspj.org

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

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Stewardship, A Way of Life

*As we continue our journey, we share our "Time,
Talents and Treasures" with our family, friends, and
our parish community.*

*Thank you for your support of
Sts. Philip & James Parish*

Sacraments

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE FOR US IN YOUR PRAYERS



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RYAN ANTHONY NASCIMENTO-USMC
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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

Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:

Weekly Collection: Sunday, September 8, 2019

Faith Direct:

\$12,708.

\$ 2,877.

\$21,000

Total Weekly Collection:

Second Collection for: Catholic University: (Sent to DRVC) \$ 2,189.

\$15,585

Thank you for your stewardship and contributions to our Parish

A Note From Father Tom

Dear Friends,

Today's gospel tells familiar parables of being lost and found. Jesus constantly reminds us how, no matter what, God always continues to seek us. We keep needing to hear that message. Our loving God never gives up on us! So, let's not let God see a "stiff-necked people" as described in today's first reading, but rather let us be like Paul who says in today's second reading, *I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Today is Catechetical Sunday. I've asked our Religious Education Team to give a little overview in today's bulletin of what's new in Religious Ed. Many thanks to all those involved in faith formation, sharing that most precious gift of faith with our young ones, helping them fall in love with and be captured by the gospel message of Jesus.

We will soon resume the ministry of helping our young ones meet Jesus in the Sunday Gospels. As you know and have seen in former bulletins, age appropriate reflections are prepared for them. Perhaps you might like to join our "Barnabas Ministry". The name Barnabas means 'son of encouragement'. Those involved in the Barnabas Ministry write notes of encouragement in response to the reflections handed in by the young ones. If you've done so before and would like to assist again, please leave your name and number at the rectory. If you might like to join this ministry, a very brief informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1st, at 10am and at 7pm in the Philip and James Room. October 1st is the feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, who is known for her "little ways" of serving the Lord. The Barnabas Ministry is clearly an example of her "little ways".

Other "little ways" of serving also exist! We are in need of Catechists for our Special Needs Religious Education Program held on Saturday mornings here in the school building. All materials are provided for you, and the blessings abound when serving the Lord in this wonderful ministry. We also seek your assistance in our Children's Liturgy of the Word Ministry. Perhaps once a month, or once every other month, assisting at either the Saturday 5pm or Sunday 10am would be a great help. What's involved is simply adult supervision to assist the catechist as he/she gives the lesson. This "little way" helps our young ones fall in love with Jesus. Please leave your name and number at the rectory.

Today and next weekend our new Youth Leaders will speak at Mass, welcoming high school teens to join in this year's Youth Ministry Program. And I am delighted to let you know that Dominick Avento, who for the past years has awakened the hearts of our seventh and eighth graders in Religious Education, has assumed the position of Interim Youth Minister!

"Andiamo fratelli"! Come on friends! I look forward to sharing with you in our upcoming Italian feast set for Saturday, October 26th. It promises to be *multo bene*, much like our recent St. Patrick's Party. More information to follow in next week's bulletin!

And,

Did you know:

You can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish.

To write with a broken pencil is pointless.

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

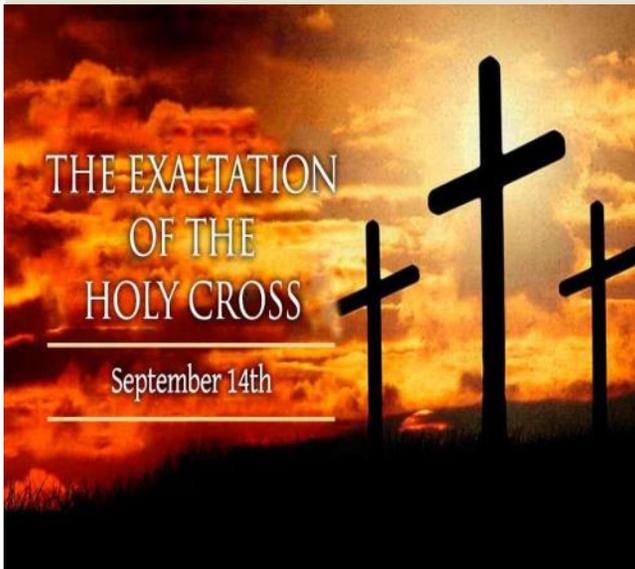
I have more, but you'll have to wait til next week .

Peace,

Father Tom

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

Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross This Weekend September 14th & 15th Parish Blessing of the Cross



We invite all families to bring your cross from home, wear your cross as we will

Have a blessing of the crosses at each mass This weekend.

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates two historical events: the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320 under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, and the dedication in 335 of the basilica and shrine built on Calvary by Constantine, which mark the site of the Crucifixion.

However the feast, more than anything else, is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened.

It's that wonderful time of year again!

**THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS
APPLE HARVEST BAKE SALE!!!!**

Next weekend,

*September 21st & 22nd, 2019
After all masses in the School lobby*

Please stop by and support all the wonderful works of the Catholic daughters and treat yourself to a piece of deliciousness!

A **big** thank you for your continued support of the parish with your weekly contributions. You make it happen!!

**Thank
you!**

The Cross-sign of faith.

Sign of faithfulness.

Sign of life and of hope.

Beams of wood held the Savior

Who carried our pain,

our sin, our sorrow;

Who knew our hopes,

Our joys, our dreams;

Who knew and knows our struggles;

Whose faithfulness

brought new life from death.

We look to the cross,

The sign of our faith,

To strengthen our faithfulness,

To deepen our compassion

To help us seek forgiveness

and seek to forgive.

Jesus, through your cross

You bring us new hope.

Guide us to follow your way –

of the cross, of life, of hope.

Amen

Second Collection NEXT Weekend: September 21st & 22nd, 2019
For: St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility
Thank you for your compassion and generosity

Remembering and Caring for our Senior Priests

Do you ever think about a favorite Pastor or Parish Priest and wonder how they are and where they may be living?

Well, for our Senior Priests who are living at St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility in Amityville, life is good and sometimes very busy.



"We are very happy that more and more of our Priests are taking advantage of this wonderful facility. We thank you for your support, we depend on it, especially now with the increasing costs we are experiencing. We couldn't do it without you!"

- Rev. Msgr. Thomas Costa,
 Vicar for Senior Priests

"Since I arrived at St. Pius X, I have found living here like being at home. I have found much happiness with my fellow priests and in the entire community, and I especially appreciate the support I receive. Thank you for helping to make this home possible."

- Rev. Msgr. T Peter Ryan



Even in retirement our senior priests retain roles as our shepherds, and St. Pius X enables these dedicated men who live there to be fully engaged members of the community. *"Still on duty,"* they serve as our teachers, counselors, and spiritual leaders.

The special collection for retired priests living at St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility will take place next weekend. Please be as generous as possible! Thank You!

www.drvc.org/stpiusx

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, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019 - OUR NEW SEASON BEGINS!



Pastor, Fr. Thomas Haggerty
Opening Liturgy for the 12th Season of the Men's Forum

Hey Catholic man! The Lord is calling! Calling you, *now*, to a deeper relationship with Him. Join us, your brothers in faith, prayer and fellowship as we begin another year of the Men's Forum at Saints Philip & James. Come discover the hidden depths of God's love and mercy in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and join us in thanksgiving and worship of our awesome God in our opening liturgy. Then share a laugh, a word of encouragement, and a promise of prayer with us over cake and coffee. We are stronger together. "I have come that they might have life, and life to the full!" (John 10:10)

WHERE: Church of Saints Philip & James, 359 Clinton Avenue, Saint James, NY

WHEN: 6:30 PM: Adoration • 7:30 PM: Mass • 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

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Liturgical Ministry Training

For anyone interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or proclaiming the Word of the Lord as a Lector, Liturgical Ministry training will begin this month at various locations.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING ONE OF THESE WONDERFUL MINISTRIES, WE ASK THAT YOU CONTACT THE PARISH CENTER OFFICE AT 631-584-5454. KINDLY PROVIDE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION SO THAT WE CAN ARRANGE A TIME TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOU.

Thank you for sharing in these wonderful ministries.



In his environmental encyclical pope Francis encourages us to never give up hope: "Inner peace is closely related to care for ecology and for the Common Good because, lived out authentically, it is reflected in a balanced lifestyle together with a capacity for wonder which takes us to a deeper understanding of life" (§ 225). - "The God who created the universe out of nothing can also intervene in this world and overcome every form of evil. Injustice is not invincible" (§ 74). - "We must not think that these efforts are not going to change the world" (§ 212

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING Fall 2019 (REVISED)

- BASIC TRAINING** for all those who would like to minister at parishes as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC); this also includes ministry to the homebound.
- SPECIALIZED TRAINING** for those EMHCs intending to work with the sick in hospitals or nursing homes – **Contact Office of Faith Formation.** (516) 678-5800 x 408. (N.B. *Basic Training must be taken prior to registering for Specialized Training*)
- LECTOR TRAINING** for those who wish to proclaim the Word of God at their parishes. All men, women, and young adults who wish to become a lector at their parish should attend a diocesan training session.

Dates, times, locations for BASIC TRAINING and LECTOR TRAINING:

Nassau– Sat., 9/21 @ St. Christopher's, Baldwin (1:00PM-4:30PM)
Eastern Suffolk- Mon., 9/30 @ Saint Rosalie- Hampton Bays (7:00-10:00PM)
Western Suffolk- Wed., 10/2 @ Saint Elizabeth, Melville (7:00-10:00PM)
Nassau- Spanish- Sat., 10/5 @ Our Lady of Loretto, Hempstead (9:00AM-12:30PM)
Eastern Suffolk-Spanish – Sat., 11/9 @ Saint Rosalie- Hampton Bays (9:00AM-12:30PM)
Eastern Suffolk-English – Sat., 11/9 @ Saint Rosalie- Hampton Bays (1:00PM-4:30PM)
Nassau– Tue., 11/19 @ St. Christopher's, Baldwin (7:00-10:00PM)

Fees: BASIC TRAINING (\$30 per person); LECTOR TRAINING (\$20 per person).

NOTE: One may attend *either* BASIC TRAINING or LECTOR TRAINING, but *not* BOTH for a given day listed above.

(1) **To register for BASIC TRAINING:** Ask your pastor to write a letter requesting the training for every person attending. The letter should indicate the date, time, and place of the training session requested. Letters should be submitted to: **Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre, PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571, Attn: Ministry training.**

(2) **To register for LECTOR TRAINING,** fill out the slip below and mail it to the Office of Worship.

✂ _____
Registration form for the Diocesan Lector Training
Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Parish: _____ Town: _____

Check session: Sep.21 Sep.30 Oct.2 Oct.5 (Spanish only)
 Nov.9 (English) Nov. 9 (Spanish) Nov.19

Mail to: **Office of Worship, PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571.**

Contact **Gina Imperioli** at the Office of Worship with any questions: (516) 678-5800 x 504.

The choirs are back this weekend well rested and ready for a great year of music. Come and see what it's all about.

Stop me or a choir member on the weekend if you have any questions. We'll be happy to answer them.

Remember sing out loud and strong and

"Praise God through music"



SAVE THE DATE!

Sott'er celo de Roma

*When in Rome do as the Romans
do -*

"On An Evening in Roma"



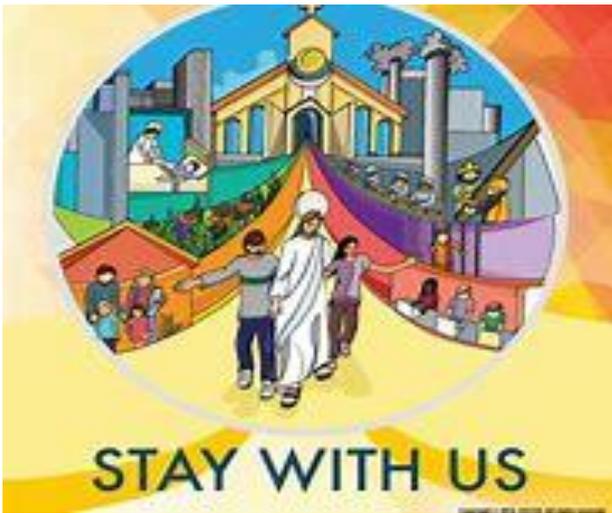
*Saturday,
October 26, 2019*



6 pm - 10 pm Dinner

Dancing and Entertainment

*Ticket Information will be in next
weekends bulletin!*



Catechetical Sunday

THIS Weekend

September 15th, 2019

Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

All Catechists are invited to attend the 10am mass on Sunday September 15th, 2019 for thanksgiving and blessing

Religious Education New Year Update

As we enter the 2019-2020 year, there are going to be some new changes to our Religious Education program. Last year we changed our Communion I (grade 1) program. The children were divided into 2 groups which met on either Tuesday or Wednesday in the beautiful Bethany Center. All the children were taught as a group. It proved to be very successful, so we will continue the same format this year and will stay with Our Sunday Visitor, Alive in Christ series.

Because of the success of that program, this year all Communion II (grade 2) children will meet in the auditorium on Mondays. As a group, they will be presented with a video from the Dynamic Catholic: The Blessed Program, followed by an introduction to the lesson. They will then proceed, with their individual catechist to a quiet area to complete the lesson.

In looking at the characteristics of our 6th grade students, we also decided to change the format of that program to make it more appropriate for their needs. This group will be meeting on Tuesdays, in either the Bethany Center or the Auditorium, first as a large group to hear and be introduced to the lesson for that week. We will be using a brand-new program from Our Sunday Visitor: Alive in Christ. Our first booklet is entitled Jesus Christ and then we will move into the next booklet entitled The Kingdom of God. In addition to the large group lesson, the students will then be assigned to individual catechists who will work in smaller groups to provide follow up activities to the main lesson. We will also be involved in outreach to the larger community throughout the year. We are very excited about this change.

Following on the success of catechetical model developed for the 1st and 2nd Grade Communion classes last year, this year's 7th grade (Confirmation I) class will begin using a similar 2-year format. The Diocese of Rockville Centre supports this approach as several parishes across Long Island have found it worked beautifully.

The Master Catechist format allows one trained catechist to teach the entire grade, every week. The lesson is prepared by the Master Catechist for the students and supported by 4 to 5 facilitating Catechists, who the students will be divided among, as smaller working groups, where facilitator-student discussion/clarification can take place and student-student interactions can develop. The groups then return to the main catechist for instruction and prayers.

Religious Education Ministry

Catechists are needed for our Special Needs Religious Education Ministry who touch the lives, minds and hearts of our Religious Education Students and families who may have special needs.

This extraordinary program is held on Saturdays, from 9am –9:45am here within the school building. All lesson materials are provided as well as support to meet the needs of our students and families.

Classes will begin on Saturday, October 5th, 2019

We ask that you kindly and prayerfully consider this wonderful opportunity.

If you should have any questions, kindly contact the Religious Education Office at 631-584-3204.

Thank you,

The SSPJ Special Needs Religious Education Team



Upcoming Parent Meetings:

First Grade: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 7:00pm In: Sts. Philip & James Room

Second Grade: Monday, September 16, 2019 at 7:00pm In: Bethany Center Main Meeting Room

Sixth Grade: Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 7:00pm In: BETHANY CENTER MAIN

Seventh Grade: Monday, September 16, 2019 at 7:00pm In: CHURCH

Eighth Grade: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 7:00pm In: CHURCH



Children's Liturgy of the Word blesses and enriches our Children's relationship and understanding of the gospel by allowing them to form a relationship with Jesus "just where they are at"

If you would like to share in the ministry of delivering the gospel message to our children but cannot commit to a weekly class, this is a wonderful opportunity for you!

**LEAD CATECHISTS ARE SCHEDULED ON A MONTHLY ROTATION!
ALL MATERIALS AND CRAFTS ARE PROVIDED.**

This awesome Liturgy offers the gospel message to our children in grades K-3 each Saturday evening at the 5pm mass and again on Sunday at the 10:00am mass

**WE ARE SEEKING CATECHISTS TO LEAD THE GOSPEL LESSON, AS WELL AS
ADULT MONITORS TO ASSIST THE CHILDREN.**

If you should have any questions regarding this awesome opportunity or wish to consider sharing a bite size portion of your time sharing the good news, kindly contact the Religious Education Office at 631-584-3204

The Saint Barnabas Ministry~ Encouraging the faith of our students....

The Saint Barnabas Ministry invites members of our Parish Family to read and compliment the faith filled growth of our Religious Education Students as they begin offering their weekly reflections.

Reading reflections of our Religious Education Students encourages them upon their faith journey...

If you are interested in joining this fulfilling ministry, kindly contact the Parish Center at 631-584-5454.

An orientation meeting will be held for all who may wish to join this ministry on: Tuesday, October 1st, 2019 two sessions: 10am-11am OR 7-8pm both in the Sts. Philip & James Room

Reflections will begin during the weekend of October 5th and 6th. Reflections will be collected during each mass and be ready for pick up at the Parish center on Monday mornings after 9am.

Pick up will begin on Tuesday October 15th (due to Columbus Day)



NOT ON FORMED YET? ITS EASY AND FREE TO REGISTER:

1. Go to sspj.formed.org
 2. Click Register, then enter your name, email address, and desired password.
 3. You're all ready to access the inspiring and engaging **content on FORMED!**
- " Don't forget to check out the Formed recommendations on our SSPJ community page".

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OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Listen: [Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows](#)
Listen: [The Sorrowful Mysteries with Vin Scully](#)
Escuchar: [El Rezo del Rosario, Parte 1: Misterios Gozosos y Dolorosos](#)

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SAINT HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

Watch: [Hildegard's Gift](#)

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SAINT JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO

Watch: [The Reluctant Saint / El Santo Renuente*](#)

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BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Watch: [Lead Kindly Light](#)
Watch: [One Step Is Enough](#)

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SAINT MATTHEW

Listen: [The Gospel of Matthew / San Mateo*](#)

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SAINT PADRE PIO

Watch: [Padre Pio: Miracle Man](#)
Watch: [Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth / Padre Pío Entre el Cielo y la Tierra*](#)

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SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

Watch: [Bishop Fulton Sheen: Angels](#)
Watch: [Powers and Dominions](#)
Esuchar: [Nuestro Enemigo y sus Aliados](#)
Read: [Angels \(and Demons\): What Do we Know About Them?](#)

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SAINT JEROME

Study: [Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 3: The Bible /](#)
[Symbolon: Conciendo la Fe, Sesión 3: La Biblia*](#)
Listen: [Lessons from the Early Church Fathers](#)

* This title is in both English and Spanish

formed.org

OPENING NIGHT FOR SSPJ YOUTH GROUP WELCOMING ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12 NEXT WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH AT 7PM

We are delighted to be the new youth leaders this year for the youth group here at Saints Philip & James! Youth group at SSPJ has been a huge part of our parish for decades and we cannot wait to be a part of revitalizing it this year. Youth group plays a huge part in our lives, in the adult volunteers' lives, and in the lives of every heart that we touch through our work. We strongly encourage high school students to join so they may strengthen their faith with God and with those around them.

We would like to address the high school students that are interested in joining youth group. Many high schoolers do not realize that youth group is about helping each other both in our daily lives and in strengthening our relationship with God. The youth group is where we have all met some of our closest friends, the ones that we can truly rely on to help us when we need it the most. We grow stronger with activities like volunteering, performing stations of the cross, and going on our annual retreat to Shelter Island. Meeting people with the same faith as you is truly an eye-opener, especially in such a welcoming place like SSPJ's youth group. We are thrilled to announce that youth group will begin on Wednesday, September 25. We meet almost every Wednesday night from 7-9pm and encourage you to come as many times as you can or want to. Parents, family members, and high schoolers; youth group is like a second home to us and to so many others. I urge you to urge high schoolers to attend youth group, bring their friends, and fortify their connection with God.

Saints Philip & James

**YOUTH
GROUP
KICKOFF**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2019
FROM: 7PM-9PM
IN THE BETHANY CENTER**

All Are Welcome!

SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of September 15th, 2019

Sunday, September 15th, 2019

11:00am Stained Glass Stained Glass Wkshp
7:00pm AA Meeting Philip & James Room

Monday, September 16th, 2019:

7:00pm REO 2nd Grade Parent Meeting Bethany Ctr Main
7:00pm REO 7th Grade Parent Meeting Church

Tuesday, September 17th, 2019:

1:30pm Spirit of Prayer Ministry Meeting Church Prayer Rm
4:30pm Children's Choir Church/Loft
4:40pm Adult Formation DRVC Philip & James Rm
7:30pm Chords of Faith Church

Wednesday, September 18th, 2019

7:00pm REO 1st Grade Parent Meeting Philip & James Rm
7:00pm REO 8th Grade Parent Meeting Church

Thursday, September 19th, 2019

2:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church
7:00pm Boy Scout Leadership Meeting Monte Building
7:00pm REO 6th Grade Parent Meeting Bethany Center Main
7:30pm Adult Choir Church

Friday, September 20th, 2019:

3:00pm Stained Glass Stained Glass Wkshp
7:00pm AA Meeting Philip & James Room
8:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church

Saturday, September 21st, 2019

5:00pm CDA Apple Harvest Bake Sale School Lobby

Sunday, September 22nd, 2019:

8:00am CDA Apple Harvest Bake Sale School Lobby
8:30am RCIA Sessions SSPJ Room
11:00am Stained Glass Stained Glass Wkshp
7:00pm AA Meeting Sts. Philip & James Room

We Remember

**Those Who are resting peacefully
in the loving arms of Jesus....**

**Dena Pollina
Therese Kreiser
Carmela Massaro
Mario B. Mignone**

Our Altar Memorials are always a wonderful way to express our hopes and memories and gratitude on behalf of loved ones lost, present, or wonderful occasions...

*Our Pro Life Rose is available for \$15.00 donation
Altar Flowers, Candles and Sanctuary Lamp for \$20.00
Bread & Wine for a \$20.00 donation.*

*For more information, contact the Parish Center Office
at 631-584-5454*

RCIA Thoughts from Sister T

ARE YOU SEARCHING?

At some point in all people's lives we wind up searching for something. Here at SSPJ we are looking for people who are searching to deepen their spiritual life or come to understand more the writing of Pope Francis, perhaps come to know the person of Jesus on a deeper level or see how they can

better serve the poor.

Being a part of the Rite of Christian Initiation may help that searching individual and lead to a richer fuller life.

If you or someone you know wants to know more, feel free to call Sister Theresita at

631-584-5454 ext. 214.

Questions and searching hearts welcome.



Mass Intentions, For the week of September 15th, 2019

<p><u>Saturday September 14th, 2019</u> 5:00pm Bob Wrenn</p>	<p><u>Thursday, September 19th, 2019</u> 7:30am Mary Zambito 9:15am <u>Collective Mass</u> Steven Carr</p>
<p><u>Sunday, September 15th, 2019</u> 8:00am For the Parishioners of SSPJ 10:00am Mitzi Van Tuyl 12:00Noon <u>Collective Mass:</u> Charles Notaro Anthony Romanelli Chris Badolato Joyce Orlando Manuel Calado, Sr. Michael McDermott</p>	<p><u>Friday, September 20th, 2019</u> 7:30am Lou Alvarez 9:15am Joe Keane</p>
<p><u>Monday, September 16th, 2019</u> 7:30am Matilda (Bobbi) Ruggeri 9:15am Christina Pue</p>	<p><u>Saturday, September 21st, 2019~St. Matthew</u> 9:15am Gerard McNulty 5:00pm Peter Byrne</p>
<p><u>Tuesday, September 17th, 2019</u> 7:30am Margaret & Joseph O'Donnell 9:15am Michael McDermott</p>	<p><u>Sunday, September 22nd, 2019</u> 8:00am For the Parishioners of Sts Philip & James 10:00am Helen Florence Just 12:00Noon <u>Collective Mass:</u> Reverend Charles Carow James Conlon Willvonia J. Roemer Michael McDermott</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, September 18th, 2019</u> 7:30am Vincent Priebe 9:15am Michael E. Kaleita</p>	

Our Bread & Wine
For the week of September 15th, 2019
Are Offered...

In Loving Memory of,
Michael E. Kaleita
It is three years...

We love you and miss you and are forever
holding your memory in our hearts...

Love,
Mom & Dad
Glenn, Melissa, Connor & Brody
Kevin, Jocelyn, Liesl, Genevieve & Henrik
Kristen, Kevin & Sydney

Hope

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

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

<p><i>Allison Ioli,</i> <i>Angela Amoroso</i> <i>Angelo Peluso</i> <i>Antoinette Rotolo</i> <i>Anna & John Capizzio</i> <i>Baby Adeline</i> <i>Baby Kennedy</i> <i>Baby Mattia Rose Lubrano</i> <i>Brian R.</i> <i>Bob Keenan,</i> <i>Carole Hennessy</i> <i>Charles Morgan</i> <i>Donalea Donach & Peter</i> <i>Elinor Glasser</i> <i>Gail Morreale</i> <i>Gene Morda</i> <i>Helen McDowell</i> <i>Ian Dowling</i> <i>Jeanine Esposito-Tansey</i> <i>J.C.</i> <i>Joann Boccia</i> <i>John Boland</i> <i>John Cuccia</i></p>	<p><i>Jordan Marvelli</i> <i>Jon Kessel</i> <i>Joseph</i> <i>Karlyn Phillips,</i> <i>Kathleen N.,</i> <i>Kitty Cronin</i> <i>Marie Sabry,</i> <i>Marty Caltabiano</i> <i>Matthew</i> <i>Melissa C.</i> <i>Michael LaVecchia</i> <i>Pat I.</i> <i>Patricia Fontana,</i> <i>Patricia Monetti</i> <i>Paula Cote</i> <i>Peter McGreavy</i> <i>Robin Graham Denis,</i> <i>Tim Cavooris,</i> <i>Tom Sica,</i> <i>Vicki Archdeacon-Gibb,</i> <i>Vivien Cordes ,</i> <i>Yanni</i> <i>Zachary Esposito-Tansey</i></p>
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SSPJ SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Sts. Philip and James School Fall Plant Sale 2019

The SSPJ School Guild is once again pleased to offer a beautiful assortment of fall plants. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Lisa Stephen (631) 626-5690 or by email at spineguy2md@verizon.net.

Please have your orders in by Monday Sept. 16th. Send your order in an envelope to Lisa Stephen (Fall plant sale). Please make all checks payable to SSPJ School. Plants are coming from Borella Nursery.

Delivery will be at 9:30am on Thurs., October 3th, ALL orders must be picked up on this day by 5:00pm

*9" Pot Hardy Garden Mums @\$7ea. _____ Total
Red _____ White _____ Yellow _____ Purple _____ (Please indicate color & quantity)

*12" Terra Cotta Plastic Mum Planter @ \$15ea. _____ Total
Red _____ White _____ Yellow _____ Purple _____ (Please indicate color & quantity)

*6" Pansy @ \$6ea. _____ Total
Blue (blotch) _____ Orange _____ Yellow(solid) _____ (Please indicate color & quantity)

*10" Hanging Basket Mum (mix only) @ \$15ea. _____ Total

*Bushel Basket Mum Planter (mix only) @ \$21ea. _____ Total

*12" Mixed Fall Garden (very large) @ \$20ea. _____ Total

*8" Montauk Daisy @ \$7ea. _____ Total

*8" Cabbage @ \$6ea _____ Total : _____ White _____ Purple (Please indicate color & quantity)

*Corn Stalk @ \$10ea _____ Total

*Straw @ \$12ea _____ Total

Family Name: _____

Child _____ Grade: _____

Phone Number: _____

Order Total: \$ _____

WANT TO HELP OUR SCHOOL EARN CASH?

**REGISTER your Stop & Shop Card
using our ID # 06975**

To do so visit: stopandshop.com

Each time you shop at any Stop & Shop using your Stop & Shop Card, you will earn A+ Points. These points become CASH for our school! Please encourage your family members and friends to sign up as well for our school.

Any questions please email
Kim Beam
punkkaholic@yahoo.com



SSPJ SCHOOL STORE!

Our online school store is now open. Here is the link:
<http://www.companycasuals.com/sspj>.

Please place your order by Monday September 16 in order to have your apparel ready for our first Spirit Day on September 30. Students may wear their Spirit Wear on Spirit Day. There are a lot of new items on the website.

The store will be open all year. For those of you who would prefer to pay by check or cash, you can send in your order form to my attention.

Please make checks payable to SSPJ school. All orders must be received by Monday, September 16.

SSPJ SCHOOL NEWS!

SSPJ started the new school year by coming together as a school community to share the Eucharist.

There is so much to celebrate at Sts. Philip and James School. We have wonderful students, amazing teachers and staff members, dedicated families and parishioners, and a very supportive parish.

We are all looking forward to a year of many BLESSINGS!



Celebrating the Liturgy- With Grateful Hearts We Serve

PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR September 21st & 22nd, 2019

Saturday, September 21, 2019 5:00pm	Sunday, September 22, 2019 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, September 22, 2019 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, September 22, 2019 12:00 MASS
Father Tom Haggerty	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Patrick Osei-Poku
		Deacon John	Deacon John

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE-FOR September 21st & 22nd, 2019

Saturday, September 21, 2019	Sunday, September 22, 2019	Sunday, September 22, 2019	Sunday, September 22, 2019
5:00PM	8:00 AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
L. Tepedino	R. Doda, Sr.	J. Kirdahy	T. Pace
G. Alfano	M. Dunn	O. Laiz	A. Santo
I. Arevalo	R. Fabian	M. Latino	T. Laiz
R. Byrne	C. Haff	J. Lavan	M. Lebrun
D. Coppola	W. Haff	D. McCormick	J. Linder
D. Doran	J. Harvey	D. Mulhall	E. Law
J. Duffy	P. Kanuika	C. Napolitano	M. McCreesh
D. Earl	A. Mantia	H. Orlando	M. Peykar
M. Fox	G. Beisel	W. Rodriguez	B. Luna
E. Kaleita	L. Beisel	P. Schfilliti	B. Chandler

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE-FOR September 21st & 22nd, 2019

Saturday, September 21, 2019	Sunday, September 22, 2019	Sunday, September 22, 2019	Sunday, September 22, 2019
5:00PM MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
B. Tobin	J. Saladino	B. Kieran	A. Miloscia
R. Tobin	M. Saladino	E. Cheeseman	M. Miloscia
V. Scarpelli	C. Morbillo	N. Fazzini	S. Glen
E. Schor	G. Morbillo		

LECTOR SCHEDULE-FOR September 21st & 22nd, 2019

Saturday, September 21, 2019	Sunday, September 22, 2019	Sunday, September 22, 2019	Sunday, September 22, 2019
5:00PM MASS	8:00 AM MASS	10:00AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
E. Burke	C. Czujko	J. Contrino	M. D'Amelia
8th Grade Student	B. Luna	A. Kaiser	B. Tobin

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A Puzzling Parable

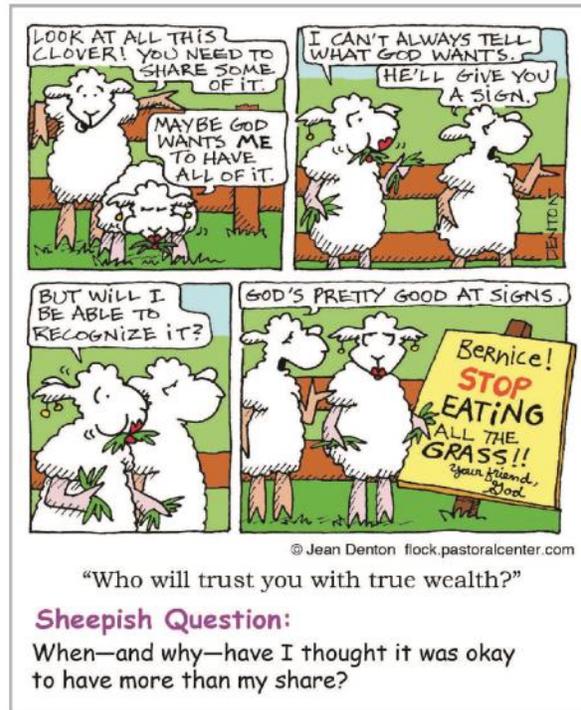
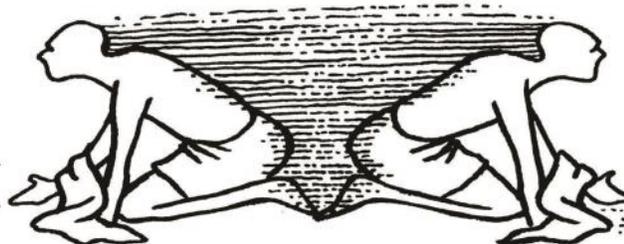
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Amos 8:4-7 - Against greed
- ▶ 1 Timothy 2:1-8 - Conduct of men and women
- ▶ Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13 - The dishonest steward

The first reading from the prophet Amos sounds a clear conviction against those who purposefully cheat, extort, and take advantage of the poor, seemingly without remorse. Sadly, that kind of injustice was common back then, as it still is today. Old Testament prophets like Amos regularly named economic injustice when they saw it. In the Gospel reading today, Jesus picks up on the prophetic tradition, preaching about appropriate and inappropriate uses of money. In Luke, more than any other Gospel, Jesus continually hammers home warnings about the seductive power of money.

The first section of today's Gospel, the parable about the dishonest steward, is a hard one to swallow if taken at face value. Biblical scholars still debate Jesus' meaning since it seems unlikely he would have commended the unsavory behavior of the steward who so blatantly cheats his master. (Although it is quite possible the master was extorting his debtors in the first place by charging extremely high interest rates—a common practice even though Jewish law forbid charging interest.) The most common interpretation is that Jesus is calling for his followers to act as *decisively* as the steward did in a time of crisis, not calling them to dishonesty. His call for prudence points out that disciples need to stretch themselves by showing greater dedication and commitment to the life of discipleship than the "children of this world" who invest themselves in making money and pursuing security in any manner possible.

If we let go of puzzling over this strange parable that seems so contradictory to Jesus'



other parables and step back to look at the overall content of Jesus' message about wealth, we can summarize it with the last line. "You cannot serve both God and mammon." Time after time, Jesus, like the prophets before him, shows how money can too easily get in the way of people doing God's work

Questions of the Week

- 1 Share an example of someone proving him/herself trustworthy in small matters and graduating to being trustworthy in greater ones.
- 2 How have you seen money/wealth corrupt someone who originally had good intentions? Please share an example.

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The Scent of Humility

According to Isaac the Syrian, a famous 7th Century bishop and theologian, a person who's genuinely humble gives off a certain scent that other people will sense and that even animals will pick up, so that wild animals, including snakes, will fall under its spell and never harm that person.

Here's his logic: A humble person, he believes, has recovered the smell of paradise and in the presence of such a person one does not feel judged and has nothing to fear, and this holds true even for animals. They feel safe around a humble person and are drawn to him or her. No wonder people like Francis of Assisi could talk to birds and befriend wolves.

But, beautiful as this all sounds, is this a pious fairytale or is it a rich, archetypal metaphor? I like to think it's the latter, this is a rich metaphor, and perhaps even something more. Humility, indeed, does have a smell, the smell of the earth, of the soil, and of paradise.

But how? How can a spiritual quality give off a physical scent?

Well, we're psychosomatic, creatures of both body and soul. Thus, in us, the physical and the spiritual are so much part of one and the same substance that it's impossible to separate them out from each other. To say that we're body and soul is like saying sugar is white and sweet and that whiteness and sweetness can never be put into separate piles. They're both inside the sugar. We're one substance, inseparable, body and soul, and so we're always both physical and spiritual. So, in fact, we do *feel* physical things spiritually, just as we *smell* spiritual things through our physical senses. If this is true, and it is, then, yes, humility does give off a scent that can be sensed physically and Isaac the Syrian's concept is more than just a metaphor.

But it's also a metaphor: The word *humility* takes its root in the Latin word, *humus*, meaning soil, ground, and earth. If one goes with this definition then the most humble person you know is the most-earthly and most-grounded person you know. To be humble is to have one's feet firmly planted on the ground, to be in touch with the earth, and to carry the smell of the earth. Further still, to be humble is to take one's rightful place as a piece of the earth and not as someone or something separate from it.

The renowned mystic and scientist, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, expressed this sometimes in his prayers. During the years when, as paleontologist, he worked for long stretches in the isolated deserts of China he would sometimes compose prayers to God in a form he called, *A Mass for the World*. Speaking to God, as a priest, he would identify his voice with that of the earth itself, as that place within physical creation where the earth itself, the soil of the earth, could open itself and speak to God. As a priest, he didn't speak *for* the earth; he spoke *as* the earth, giving it voice, in words to this effect:

Lord, God, I stand before you as a microcosm of the earth itself, to give it voice: See in my openness, the world's openness, in my infidelity, the world's infidelity; in my sincerity, the world's sincerity, in my hypocrisy, the world's hypocrisy; in my generosity, the world's generosity in my attentiveness, the world's attentiveness, in my distraction, the world's distraction; in my desire to praise you, the world's desire to praise you, and in my self-preoccupation, the world's forgetfulness of you. For I am of the earth, a piece of earth, and the earth opens or closes to you through my body, my soul, and my voice.

This is humility, an expression of genuine humility. Humility should never be confused, as it often is, with a wounded self-image, with an excessive reticence, with timidity and fear, or with an overly sensitive self-awareness. Too common is the notion that a humble person is one who is self-effacing to a fault, who deflects praise (even when it's deserved), who is too shy to trust opening himself or herself in intimacy, or who is so fearful or self-conscious and worried about being shamed so as to never step forward and offer his or her gifts to the community. These can make for a gentle and self-effacing person, but because we are denigrating ourselves when to deny our own giftedness, our humility is false, and deep-down we know it, and so this often makes for someone who nurses some not-so-hidden angers and is prone to being passive aggressive.

The most humble person you know is the person who's the most-grounded, that is, the person who knows she's not the center of the earth but also knows that she isn't a second-rate piece of dirt either. And that person will give off a scent that carries both the fragrance of paradise (of divine gift) as well as the smell of the earth.