



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

March 15th, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

John 4:13-14

"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

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Father Tom Haggerty, 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



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Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:

Weekly Collection: Sunday, March 8th, 2020

Faith Direct:

\$ 10,538.

\$ 2,877.

\$17,800.

Total Weekly Collection:

\$13,415.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

OUR LENTEN MISSION HAS BEEN CANCELLED. Fr. Fragomeni, who was to lead the mission, contacted me and said that in light of the coronavirus situation, it would be better to not ask people to come to additional public gatherings at this time. We will be reworking schedules and hope to have him lead a retreat next Lenten season.

Today we celebrate the third Sunday of Lent. We hear the familiar, dynamic and complex story of "the woman at the well". As we travel through our Lenten desert, we can identify with her thirst – a thirst which she realizes goes far beyond physical thirst. Her encounter with Jesus fills her with "living water", and living water needs to be shared.

Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP, notes:

The Samaritan woman is a model for us. What she has received and discovered in Christ she can't wait to rush off to tell her townspeople. She knows who they are; she also knows they are thirsty and looking for water too. Ours is a missionary faith. We cannot keep to ourselves what we have discovered in Jesus.

Like the woman, we also know the thirsts of people close to us, those whose thirsts only Jesus can quench. They probably have worded their thirsts to us: "I am lonely." "My wife died last month." "Religion has dried up for me." "I know I must have some purpose in life, but I don't know what it is." Etc. When they tell us these things they are talking to the right person, for we too have been thirsty. But we knew where to go -- we went to the well and found Jesus already there and we drank deeply of the living waters he gave us.

The Samaritan woman at the well was an Apostle of Hope. She shared her "living water" with others. We too can share – sometimes in words, but often by actions. Quoting St. Francis, "*Preach the gospel always. Use words if necessary.*" Our actions may be big or small – bite-size ways of bringing hope. God thirsts for each of us! And we thirst for God. We come to the well from varied backgrounds. We seek to quench our thirsts. Like the woman at the well, we are to share what we have been given. We've committed to be Apostles of Hope.

Last Saturday's "Magic of Ireland" party was also a touch of heaven. Many, many thanks to Clare Farrell and Marianne Koke, the Co-chairs of the event and their hardworking committee which includes, Maria Inserra, Janet Garvey, Joan Shank, Diane Bleggi, Noel Rannazzisi and Clair Zito. Their dedication is truly a blessing to our parish. It certainly was clear how much work went into creating such a wonderful time. We need more helping hands! Remember the motto, "*Many hands make light work*"? We're already planning a follow up Oktoberfest. Might you join the committee? If so, please contact the Parish Center at 631-584-5454 leaving your name and number.

A special thank you to all who have already contributed to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Your generosity helps our brothers and sisters who are carrying heavy crosses, to see the hope and light that comes from your compassion and prayers. Thus far our pledges represent 52% of our goal of \$111,000. Our payments are currently at 27% of goal. Parishes do not receive their rebate until payments received are equal to the parish goal. Any sacrifice that you can contribute goes a long way.

This weekend couples preparing for Marriage will be participating in our parish Pre Cana program. We are delighted to pray with them and for them as they prepare for their sacrament.

And some interesting questions and observations:

Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?

If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?

What was the best thing before sliced bread?

One nice thing about egotists is they don't talk about other people.

Peace,

Father Tom

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

A Message from Father Tom~

In view of the concern for the containment of the coronavirus, I thought it advisable to keep you posted as to our policies to safeguard all who enter our church and facilities.

We have had a long- standing policy for sanitizing and cleaning all facilities. We use a disinfectant which as it cleans kills germs. It is a product that is recommended by the Suffolk County Health Department.

Due to the current health crisis, we have heightened our cleaning procedures even further by such efforts as all doorknobs, handrails, light switches, toilets, sinks, dispensers are being disinfected every day. Floors are always cleaned with disinfectant. All classrooms and offices are and will continue to be supplied with disinfectant wipes and sprays. Gloves are also available in these locations.

As you know in Church we have eliminated the distribution of the Precious Blood. We have requested people to not receive the host on the tongue at this time. We have discontinued the sign of peace and have requested that people do not hold hands during the Our Father.

If anyone is feeling ill they should stay home, as there is no obligation for them to attend Mass.

We are continuing our practice of having individual packets of hand cleaner available at the sign in book for all EM's and strongly recommend that each EM take a packet to their pew to be utilized right before they proceed into the sanctuary. We also have dispensers outside the bathrooms in the church as well as in the auditorium.



**OUR PARISH RETREAT SCHEDULED FOR
MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
MARCH 16-18TH, 2020
HAS BEEN CANCELLED
SEE FATHER TOM'S LETTER FOR DETAILS**

Second Collection Next Weekend March 21st & 22nd for: Catholic Relief Services



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

Each year, this collection supports some of the most marginalized communities in the world and is held in dioceses around the country. Through development projects, pastoral outreach, legal support services, advocacy, and educational opportunities, the programs supported through The Catholic Relief Services Collection serve people who live in poverty and victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters.

Please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

**CAMPS 'R' US UPCOMING
OPEN HOUSE DATES:**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND, 2020 ~
11AM-2PM**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH, 2020 ~
10AM-1PM**

**SATURDAY, MAY 16TH, 2020 ~
10AM-1PM
(Held in SSPJ School main building)**

I SAY YES!

We say yes to share our commitment to marriage by supporting and facilitating couples on their journey to the sacrament of Matrimony through Pre Cana. By saying yes, we strive to bring future marrieds to experience the love of God through their love for each other. We say yes to emphasizing the importance of communicating with each other as well as with their families. We say yes to encouraging couples to create a loving and accepting environment to raise and influence children. When we say yes, we guide couples to say yes to putting each other first, just as God puts us first. By saying yes, we prepare couples to create a partnership for life.

**Susan & Kevin McNamara
SSPJ Pre Cana Ministry
"Say Yes My Lord"**



Dear Friends:

As we journey through this Lenten season, the Lord Jesus calls us to devote ourselves to prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Our Catholic Ministries Appeal offers us a practical way to respond to this Gospel call by making the mercy and love of Jesus manifest to all those in need. During Lent, we are challenged to put into practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. These works are the heart of the annual Appeal.

As Pope Francis tells us *"Prayer brings us back to the path of truth about ourselves and about God; fasting makes us share the reality of so many people who face the anguish of hunger and makes us pay more attention to our neighbor; charity is a blessed occasion to collaborate with God's providence in benefit of His children."*

Your generosity has enabled us to provide caring homes for people with disabilities, affordable housing to our low income seniors, and services to help people recover from addiction. We have supported married and family life; celebrated the sacramental life of the Church; ministered to those in prison; brought the healing power of Christ to those suffering from illness; spread the Gospel through efforts of evangelization, education and formation. These are just a few of the ways your contributions transform lives and spread *dramatic missionary growth*.

Today I invite you to join me in making a gift to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, so that, as One Family In Mission, we can continue to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of others.

My prayers and best wishes to you and your family this Holy Season of Lent.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of March 15th, 2020

Sunday, March 15th, 2020

8:00am **CDA St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale** School Lobby
 8:30am **RCIA** Cantina
 8:30am **Pre-Cana Weekend** Auditorium
 11:00am **Stained Glass Club** Stained Glass Wkshp
 7:00pm **AA Meeting** Monte Building

Monday, March 16th, 2020

7:00pm **Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting** Auditorium

Tuesday, March 17th, 2020:

1:30pm **Spirit of Prayer Ministry Mtg** Church Prayer Rm
 4:30pm **Adult Faith Formation Class** Philip & James Rm
 4:30pm **Children's Choir** Church
 7:00pm **CDA Meeting** Sts Philip & James Rm
 7:00pm **St. Monica Group** Cantina
 7:30pm **Chords of Faith** Church Choir loft

Wednesday, March 18th, 2020

10:00am **REO Deanery Meeting** Sts Philip & James Room
 7:00pm **Youth Ministry Meeting** Bethany Center

Thursday, March 19th, 2020:

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

Friday, March 20th, 2020

3:00pm **School Stained Glass** St Glass Wkshp
 7:00pm **AA Meeting** Philip & James Room
 7:00pm **Stations of the Cross** Church
 8:00pm **Eucharistic Adoration** Church

Saturday, March 21st, 2020

1:00pm **REO Confirmation Retreat** Auditorium
 5:00pm **Children's Liturgy** Auditorium

Sunday, March 22nd, 2020

8:30am **RCIA Sessions** Philip & James Room
 10:00am **Children's Liturgy** Auditorium
 11:00am **Camps R Us Open House** School
 11:00am **Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang** Auditorium
 11:00am **Stained Glass Club** St Glass Wksp
 7:00pm **AA Meeting** Philip & James Room

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE
YEAR AGAIN!
THE SSPJ SCHOOL GUILD
PLANT SALE WILL BE
HELD ON:

THURSDAY & FRIDAY
MAY 7TH & 8TH, 2020
FROM 10AM UNTIL 3PM

IN THE SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM
This Wonderful Sale is
OPEN to ALL
PARISHIONERS!

A wide variety of flowers
are available for purchase!

Look for Plant sale form in
upcoming issues of the
bulletin.

CASINO NIGHT



Casino Night is back by popular demand!

Friday April 3, 2020 at 6:30pm in the SSPJ auditorium!

Raffles! BYOB!

\$50 admission includes \$250 in "play money"

Please make checks payable to the SSPJ Guild.

Contact Jennine Cullen at 631-871-9973 or
jbcullen78@verizon.net with any questions.

Want to advertise your business and sponsor a table?
Contact Jennine Cullen.

Mass Intentions, For the week of March 15th, 2020

Saturday, March 14th, 2020
5:00pm **Joan DeMuro**

Sunday, March 15th, 2020
8:00am **For the Parishioners of SSPJ**
10:00am **John Pavelka**
12:00Noon **Collective Mass:**
Louise Kelly
Lisa A. Bravo
Oreste "Ernie" DiRaffaele
Frederick G. Mueller

Monday, March 16th, 2020
7:30am **Thomas Farrell**
9:15am **Joann Pagnano**

Tuesday, Wednesday, March 17th, 2020~St. Patrick
7:30am **James Boyle**
9:15am **Jack Duffy**

Wednesday, March 18th, 2020
7:30am
9:15am **Frankie Cafaro~with thanks from the youth group**

Thursday, March 19th, 2020~St Joseph
7:30am **Barbara Halbing**
9:15am **Collective Mass:**
Arlene Montteverde
Living: Patricia Acker

Friday, March 20th, 2020
7:30am **Marie D'Angelo**
9:15am **Maureen McCloskey**

Saturday, March 21st, 2020
9:15am **William Keough**
5:00pm **Benedetta Caltabiano**

Sunday, March 22nd, 2020
8:00am **For the Parishioners of Sts. Philip & James**
10:00am **Florence Maningo**
12:00Noon **Collective Mass:**
Beatrice & John Hearney
Daniel Radice
Gene Ingenito
Carol McKeon

Remembering in Our Prayers~
Those who are ill

We Remember in our prayers,

Frank Cotoia
Joseph Marra
Josephine B. Tucci

May they rest in the loving arms of Jesus, and may
their families feel comfort and grace at this time of
loss...

RCIA News

So if you would like to continue to be salt for the Earth
and Light for the World why not consider joining us (the
RCIA team) on the Sunday's in Lent after the 8 AM or
Noon Mass right in church.

Here are the topics we are discussing:

3/15 Who does God say that I am? - Redeemed in
Grace (In Church) Michael Hoonhout

3/22 (Rejoice!) In Lent, Christian JOY (In Church)
Glee Hoonhout

3/29 Why is Good Friday Good? (In Church)
Sister Theresita

4/5 Palm Sunday – The Importance of Holy
Week, the Triduum (In Church)
Michael Hoonhout

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

And for all the prayers
intentions offered in our
Prayer baskets

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

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

Walking the Lenten Journey of Faith

....Lenten Suggestions to help along the way.....

- ♦ Matthew Kelly's **Best Lent Ever**, directions below
- ♦ Or Bishop Barron's **Word on Fire**, directions below
- ♦ Prayerfully consider a contribution to **Catholic Ministries Appeal**
- ♦ Attend **Stations of the Cross** ~Friday's at 7:00pm in the Church
- ♦ **Visit the Blessed Sacrament ~ Adoration** Thursdays at 2pm or Friday at 8pm in the church

Lenten Gospel Reflections Bishop Barron's Word on Fire

Visit: wordonfire.org
To receive daily Lenten reflections

Lenten Regulations 2020

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

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday:

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

Days of Abstinence: (All Fridays in Lent):

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

It has been a Lenten tradition to pray the Stations of the Cross as a community on Friday evenings during Lent.

As we continue the tradition this year, we will focus on connecting the cross and suffering of Jesus with the crosses and sufferings so many may be experiencing in life.


Our Stations are simple and low-key, taking about a half hour.

Friday, March 20th– The Cross and Illness

Friday, March 27th–The Cross and Human Hungers

Friday, April 3rd–The Cross and the World Around Us

Stations are prayed in the Church Friday's in Lent at 7:00pm

**KNIGHTS ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**
OF COLUMBUS®

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020

SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES COUNCIL
COUNCIL #12839

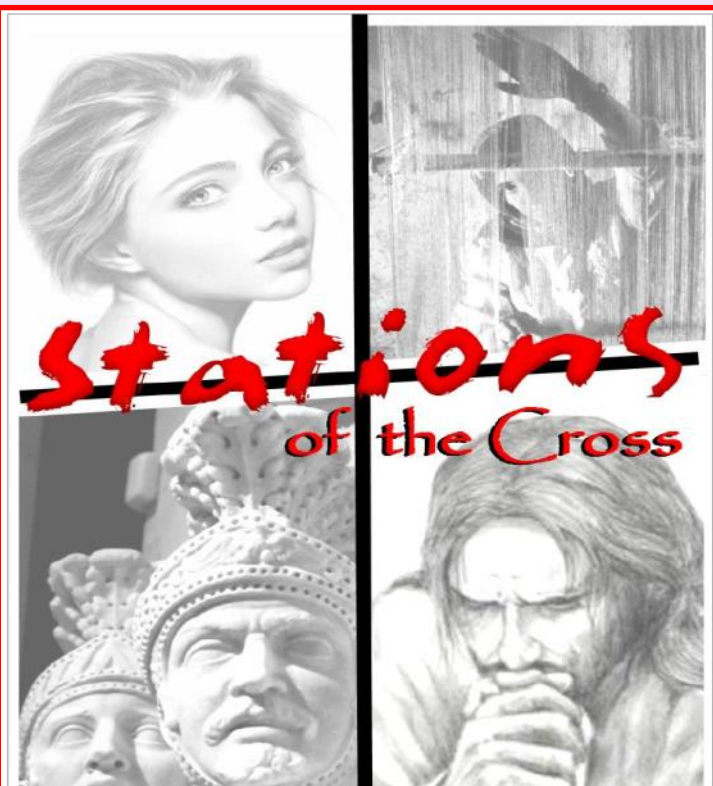
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**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT:
Thomas Sica (631)521-4771**

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years or More

This Spring, couples who have been married fifty years will be honored at a Mass on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Smithtown. Mass will begin at 2:00 p.m., Bishop Robert J. Coyle will preside.

Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the Parish Center Office or on line at www.drvc-faith.org. Space is limited, registration will be accepted on a first come first served basis. If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, extension 223.



Held on Good Friday at noon and 7pm

Hosted by the SSPJ Youth Group



COUNCIL'S CORNER

This month the Business Manager, Virginia Portanova, was invited to attend the Council meeting to inform them of her responsibilities and role in the parish. Virginia provided the following outline of her responsibilities.

A few years ago, the parish and the school were separate. We combined them in an effort to save money. Instead of having two business offices, we have one. The parish is responsible for the business aspect of the school, budgeting and paying the bills and things like that. In summary her responsibility are the budgets for both the school and parish and keeping them on track for that budget.

She also keeps track of the Sunday collections and reduces the budget to where it stands with the collections. We are trying to find ways to increase the revenues.

The payroll has been decreased as a cost saving measure as the collections have gone down. We have been able to reduce the payroll by a significant amount because of volunteers who provide over 110 hours per week of service time.

We have reduced office hours to save money. We used to be open 7 days a week until 8:00pm every night. Now we are open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday while Religious Education classes are being held until 8:00pm; Thursday the office is only open to 5:00pm; Friday the office is officially closed although we are in the office catching up on various tasks; Saturday the office is open from 10:00-2:00pm and on Sunday the office is closed.

Virginia said she does not believe that the parish has suffered due to the changes that have been made such as reduction in staffing. We really do run a completely skeleton staff. Our payroll is down \$120,000 per year. Our expenses are down \$150,000 per year. We really do monitor. The parish has a great office staff that all share that sentiment, and everybody does watch the dollars and where we can cut or save without sacrificing the programs we have. We are existing as we always have. Nothing is being short changed. Religious Education is functioning the way it should. Everything is getting done.

Virginia said we have a \$3.5 million-dollar corporation between the church and school and does not believe most people realize that. Members of Council complimented Virginia on an outstanding job.

We have increased security for religious education classes which we never had before. So, while we have cut in areas of the budget, we also have increased in areas that needed to be.

Virginia said right now we are worried about the coronavirus, so we are doing extra precautionary steps such as sanitizing the handrails, doorknobs, light switches, etc. every day. As an example, she mentioned that after the Magic of Ireland on Saturday night, the crew came in and completely cleaned and sanitized the entire auditorium and kitchen, and bathrooms. We have been trying to stay on top of it and we have been fortunate in the school this year because of our practices that the school kids have not been sick and things like the flu have not gone around.

MARCH COUNCILS CORNER CONTINUED

After Virginia left the meeting, there was a discussion of the current policy of having the hand sanitizer packets available for EM's and a recommendation that the EM's be compelled to utilize them before proceeding into the sanctuary. Father Tom said that has been the policy for several years. Father Tom said that he will remind the EM's that this is our policy.

Father Tom said people have been pretty responsive to our request to consider not receiving the host on the tongue at this time. They are complying with that request.

Father Tom said due to the coronavirus crisis, we have had to cancel our Parish Lenten Mission. The good news is Father Fragomeni will be able to come next year. Father Tom said although he was disappointed he fully understood. Fr. Fragomeni initiated the call and said it would be a very negative signal to ask people to come out an additional time other than to Mass on Sunday. He also had cancelled a retreat he was going to give in Rochester for the same reason.

It was noted that the custodial staff was doing an excellent job in maintaining and sanitizing the buildings and facilities.

Father provided a brief parish update. Mardi Gras and Lenten Soup Supper went very well. The Magic of Ireland also went very well and provided a profit of \$18,000 to the parish. Father said that the two Chairs and their committee only want to do it for one more year. They have suggested that a new way of doing things would be to get people to commit for a two-year commitment. They would train and mentor the people for the next two years and then they in turn would train others for the following two years. Father said he has already spoken to the Principal about getting people from the school and Father Tom will try to get people from Religious Education. It is a wonderful community builder and people had a great time at the event.

**2020
CMA
Goal**

\$111,000

**Pledges at
3/10/2020**

\$58,605

**Payments
At
3/10/2020
\$30,495**

2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

SSPJ 2020 GOAL~ \$111,000

Thus says the Lord: 'share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. Then your light show break forth like the dawn'

**Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal
PARISH: STS. PHILIP & JAMES #148**

Make a difference in someone's life

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Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

My gift is __ in Memory of/ __ in Honor _____

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City, State, Zip _____

Acknowledgement Message: _____

Pledge: \$ _____

Down payment: \$ _____

To make a donation, you can also visit **CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org**

The committee would like to thank all who made the Magic of Ireland a huge success and a lot of fun. We were so happy to see a roomful of people greeting each other, dancing and enjoying each others company. Our parish is filled with wonderful people and Saturday night was a testament that we know how to celebrate each other!



Magic of Ireland Thanks All the Wonderful Sponsors

Saint Patrick Sponsors ~ \$1,000

Marianne J. Koke, Daniel Gale Sotheby Realty

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O Solo Mio Restaurant

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Seaquia Deli and Catering

Ken & Claire Rathjen

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Mr & Mrs John Steele

Elena Mingione

*We wish to thank our local businesses and
Parishioners who contributed a gift basket to our
Magic of Ireland Event*

Maria & Sal Inserra

Dimitrios Furs

Touch of Class Car Wash

BLT Café

Patio Pizza

NoCo Restaurant

Vintage Steak House

Alpine Bakery

Muses Nail Salon

Claire & Gary Zito

Joan & Duane Shank

Janet & John Garvey

Alanna Garvey

Terry Ginty

Betsy & Paul Carey

Robin & Owen Carey

Clare Farrell

Noel & Steve Rannazzisi

Diane & Bob Bleggi

Marianne Koke

Ms. Diane Anderson

Virginia & Peter Portanova

Evelyn & Tom Sica

Tara Uhrin

Glee & Michael Hoonhout

Respect Life Committee

Tara & Joe Farina & Family

And the Winners ARE:

First Prize ~Caribbean Vacation~

Paul & Betsy Carey

Second Prize ~Yankee Tickets~ Terry Ginty

Third Prize ~ Weber Grill ~ Mr & Mrs. Brian Miller



SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION: For GRADES: 1, 2, & 3
THIS REFLECTION IS TO BE SHARED AT MASS ON:
SATURDAY, OR SUNDAY, March 21st or 22nd, 2020



March 15th, 2020

Welcome to the Third Sunday of Lent

The Gospel of: John 4:5-42

My Name Is: _____

I Am In Grade: _____

My Catechist "Teacher's" Name Is: _____

Gospel Message:

John 4:5-42

In Jesus' time, people didn't have water in their houses or bottles of Poland Spring!

They had to walk very far to get water from a well.

Jesus met a Samaritan woman at the well, and after speaking he reveals to her who he is.



My Weekly Prayer:

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for teaching us that living water is a gift that you give to us everyday. Please help us to be kind to all that we meet today and always.

Amen

Please color





SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION: For GRADES: 4,5 & 6
THIS REFLECTION IS TO BE SHARED AT MASS ON:
SATURDAY OR SUNDAY, March 21st or 22nd, 2020



Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 15th, 2020

My Name Is: _____

I Am In Grade: _____

My Catechist Name Is: _____

Gospel Message: The Gospel of John 4:5-42

Jesus met a Samaritan woman at the well, and after speaking he reveals to her who he is.

The Thirst Quencher

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."
John 4:10 (NIV)

Based on John 4:5-13



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LIFE
WOMAN
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LIVING
TIRED
WELL

NEVER
ETERNAL
JOURNEY

WATER
JESUS
SAMARITAN

THIRST
GIFT
DRINK

My Weekly Prayer: Dear Jesus,

Thank you for teaching us that living water is a gift that you give to us everyday. Please help us to be kind to all that we meet today and always. Amen



SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION: For GRADES: 7 & 8 Confirmation I & II
THIS REFLECTION IS TO BE SHARED AT MASS ON:
SATURDAY or SUNDAY, March 21st or 22nd, 2020



Welcome to The Third Sunday in Lent

March 15th, 2020

Mass Readings: Exodus 17:3-7, Psalm 95:1-2,6-9, Romans 5:1-2,6-9, John 4:5-42

Student's Name : _____

I Am In Grade: _____

My Catechist Name Is: _____

ACROSS:

Prophet

Jacob

Husband

Five

Rabbi

DOWN:

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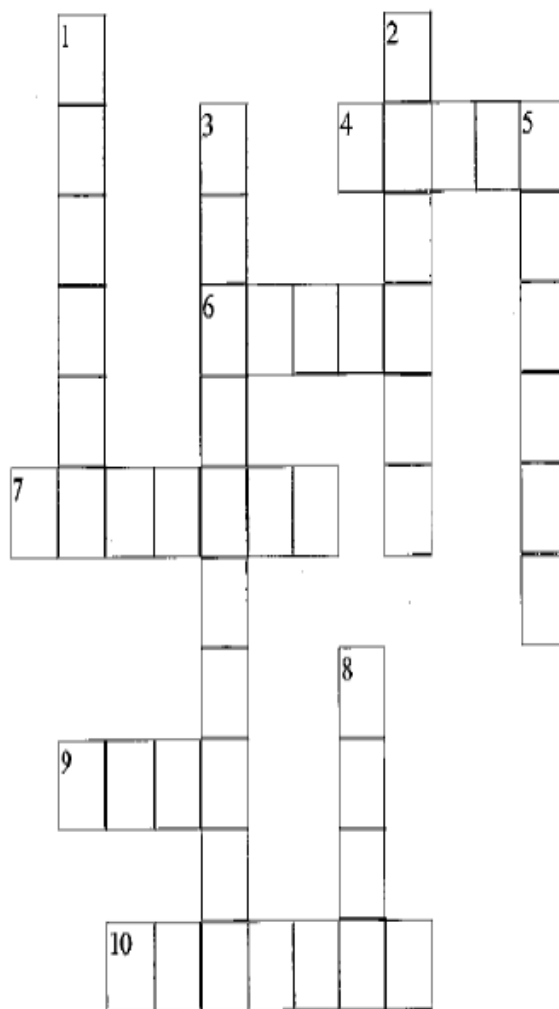
Worshippers

Savior

Bucket

Noon

The Samaritan Woman
John 4:5-42



Across

4. What was the name of the well where Jesus stopped to rest?
6. The tird the disciples give to Jesus.
7. The Samaritan said that Jesus was a _____.
9. How many husbands did the woman have?
10. Jesus told the woman to call him.

Down

1. What city is mentioned in this story?
2. The Samaritans knew that Jesus was the _____ of the world.
3. They worship.
5. Jesus could not get water from the well because he did not have this.
8. What time of the day was it when Jesus stooped to rest by the well?

The Great Happenings at SSPJ School!



First grade has been learning about story elements in ELA. The students read the three little pigs and incorporated a STEM activity to create the three little pigs houses. The students had so much fun working together as a team to build their house to ensure that the big bad wolf wouldn't knock it down.



And they huffed and puffed and blew the house down!

CELEBRATING GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY MARCH 8TH, 2020

Thank you to all who celebrated *all Girl Scouts On Sunday, March 8th ~ Girl Scout Sunday.*

Brownie and Junior Troop 2111

Top row L-R: Juliana M. Rosalia R. Erin K. Sarah F. Gabriella D. Melinda S. Mackenzie C.

Middle row: Jovianna K. Margaret B. Clarissa G.

Bottom row: Julianna C. Christine M. Francesca S. Gabriella



Mass Intentions, For the week of March 15th, 2020

Saturday, March 14th, 2020

5:00pm Joan DeMuro

Sunday, March 15th, 2020

8:00am For the Parishioners of SSPJ
10:00am John Pavelka
12:00 Noon Collective Mass:
Louise Kelly
Lisa A. Bravo
Oreste "Ernie" DiRaffaele
Frederick G. Mueller

Monday, March 16th, 2020

7:30am Thomas Farrell
9:15am Joann Pagnano

Tuesday, Wednesday, March 17th, 2020~St. Patrick

7:30am James Boyle
9:15am Jack Duffly

Wednesday, March 18th, 2020

7:30am
9:15am Frankie Cafaro~with thanks from the youth group

Thursday, March 19th, 2020~St Joseph

7:30am Barbara Halbing
9:15am Collective Mass:
Arlene Montteverde
Living: Patricia Acker

Friday, March 20th, 2020

7:30am Marie D'Angelo
9:15am Maureen McCloskey

Saturday, March 21st, 2020

9:15am William Keough
5:00pm Benedetta Caltabiano

Sunday, March 22nd, 2020

8:00am For the Parishioners of Sts. Philip & James
10:00am Florence Maningo
12:00 Noon Collective Mass:
Beatrice & John Hearney
Daniel Radice
Gene Ingenito
Carol McKeon

Remembering in Our Prayers~ Those who are ill

We Remember in our prayers,
Frank Cotoia
Joseph Marra
Josephine B. Tucci

May they rest in the loving arms of Jesus, and may
their families feel comfort and grace at this time of
loss...

A Note from Music Ministry...

Tuesday and Thursday this week we celebrate the
feast days of these popular Saints. For St. Patrick
our 5pm and 10am choirs will sing, as their
Communion Special hymn, Christ Be beside Me.
The words are attributed to St. Patrick. The words
can be found in the Music Issue # 397. The tune the
choirs will sing is "Morning has Broken" And a
Blessing hymn "May God Bless you", an Irish
prayer, to be sung at the end of Mass before the
final blessing.

For St. Joseph our Communion hymn, # 106 in
Today's missal,
is Holy Patron thee Saluting, describing the life of
St. Joseph, husband to Mary and foster Father to
Jesus.

Every year I put these hymns in the Mass as our
musical tribute to these special saints. As we sing
these hymns, we ask for special blessings from St.
Patrick and St. Joseph.

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

And for all the prayers
intentions offered in our
Prayer baskets

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

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

Celebrating the Liturgy- With Grateful Hearts We Serve

PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR March 21st & 22nd, 2020

Saturday, March 21st, 2020 5:00pm	Sunday, March 22nd, 2020 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, March 22nd, 2020 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, March 22nd, 2020 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

Eucharistic Minister Schedule-For March 21st & March 22nd, 2020

Saturday, March 21st, 2020	Sunday, March 22nd, 2020	Sunday, March 22nd, 2020	Sunday, March 22nd, 2020
5:00PM	8:00 AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
J. Duffy	P. Kanuika	M. Latino	S. McKie
A. Dunn	M. Kenney	J. Lavan	B. Chandler
D. Earl	P. Martin	D. McCormick	T. Laiz
E. Kaleita	V. Portanova	D. Mulhall	M. Lebrun
H. Keenan	W. Ramos	C. Napolitano	M. Peykar
P. Klee	K. Rapp	J. Alternative	P. Roman
G. Priebe	M. Sehne	W. Rodriguez	M. Laub
R. Byrne	E. Sica	P. Schfilliti	B. Luna
L. Taurassi	T. Sica	J. Scott	M. Napoli
D. Toto	W. Van Gostein	L. Sisti	T. Pace

We kindly ask all scheduled Ministers to arrive in the Prayer Room 15 minutes before mass begins, for prayer

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE -FOR March 21st & March 22nd 2020

Saturday, March 21st, 2020	Sunday, March 22nd, 2020	Sunday, March 22nd, 2020	Sunday, March 22nd, 2020
5:00PM MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
C. Williams	B. Keiran	B. Wos	C. D'Agostino
R. Williams	E. Kieran	S. Dearie	G. D'Agostino
A. Hughes	J. Carey	S. Cullen	R. Osorio
J. Hughes		O. Jacobs	C. Tsoumpelis/D. Sanchez-Rincon

LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR March 21st & March 22nd 2020

Saturday, March 21st, 2020	Sunday, March 22nd, 2020	Sunday, March 22nd, 2020	Sunday, March 22nd, 2020
5:00PM MASS	8:00 AM MASS	10:00AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
J. Contrino	C. Czujko	J. Auleta	M. D'Amelia
K. Smith	A. Willman	B. Tobin	L. Kenton

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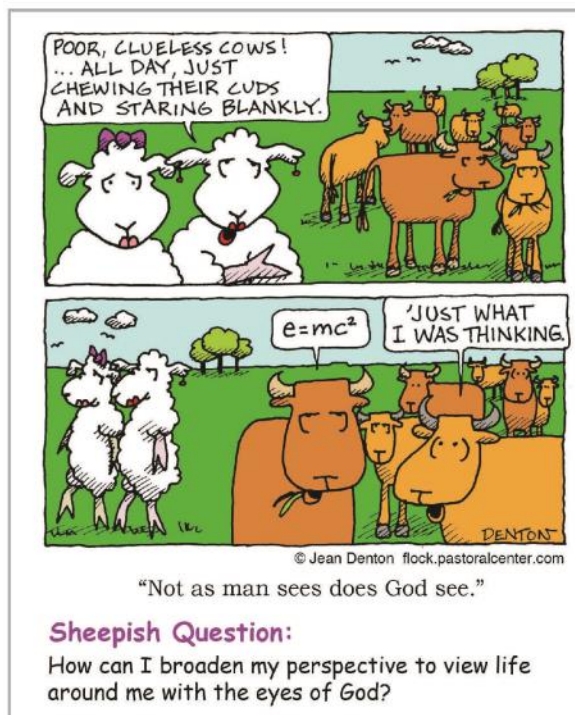
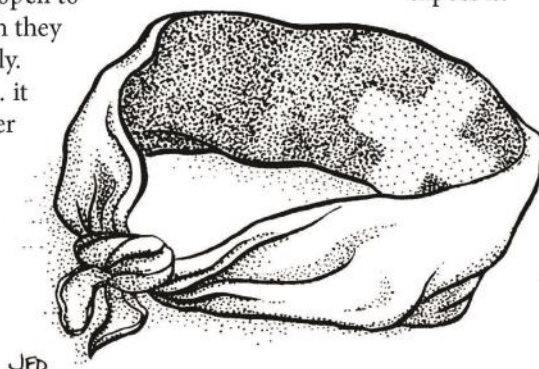
Open or Closed?

This Week's Readings at Mass

- 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a - Samuel anoints David
- Ephesians 5:8-14 - Duty to live in the light
- John 9:1-41 - The man born blind

All three readings today delve into themes of seeing and not seeing, light and darkness. In the passage from Samuel, God says clearly, "Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart" (1 Sam 16:7). Without using the same words, Jesus reinforces the same teaching in the Gospel when he treats the blind man with compassion and inclusion rather than as the sinner who many supposed him to be. Like Samuel anointing Jesse's youngest son rather than his older brothers, Jesus turns social protocol upside down, uplifting the lowly and dismissing the powerful. St. Paul picks up on this, reminding his readers to "live as children of the light" and expose evil by bringing it into the light, something Jesus did when he called out the hypocrisy of the Pharisees.

The Gospel today gives us a perfect example of two contrasting responses to an unexpected gift or revelation. We can be curious, open, and accepting, like the man born blind, or we can dig in, stay skeptical, and stubbornly refuse to accept grace, as the Pharisees did. The Pharisees absolutely refuse to believe something they can't understand with their rational minds. They close themselves to anything which doesn't fit into their narrow categories, i.e., if someone does work on the Sabbath—even healing work—he must be a sinner. They have come to a judgment, and they refuse to entertain any new possibility. On the other hand, the man born blind is open to new possibilities even though they don't make sense intellectually. "This is what is so amazing... it is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind." (Jn 9:30, 32). Yes, he has questions, but he is open to having his mind opened and changed just as his eyes are opened.



The entire story is a reminder that God's ways are not always our ways and that we are called to be open to the possibility that God's activity will transcend what we thought we knew. We often think in terms of limitations: this person isn't capable of that, this illness is terminal, I will never heal from this emotional wound. Yet this story challenges our assumptions about what is possible and what isn't. Are we willing to be surprised by something unexpected and accept the gifts, or have we decided that God can't work in a new way?

Questions of the Week

- 1 When have you had an experience of goodness breaking through in a situation when you didn't expect it?
- 2 Where are you feeling stuck in darkness or blindness and need Christ's light to break through to you?

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Judgment Day

We all fear judgment. We fear being seen with all that's inside us, some of which we don't want exposed to the light. Conversely, we fear being misunderstood, of not being seen in the full light, of not being seen for who we are. And what we fear most perhaps is final judgment, the ultimate revelation of ourselves. Whether we are religious or not, most of us fear having to one day face our Maker, judgment day. We fear standing naked in complete light where nothing's hidden and all that's in the dark inside us is brought to light.

What's curious about these fears is that we fear both being known for who we are, even as we fear not being known for who we really are. We fear judgment, even as we long for it. Perhaps that's because we already intuit what our final judgement will be and how it will take place. Perhaps we already intuit that when we finally stand naked in God's light we will also finally be understood and that revealing light will not just expose our shortcomings but also make visible our virtues.

That intuition is divinely-placed in us and reflects the reality of our final judgment. When all our secrets are known our secret goodness will also be known. Light exposes everything. For example, here's how the renowned poet and spiritual writer, Wendell Berry, foresees the final judgment: "I might imagine the dead waking, dazed into a shadowless light in which they know themselves altogether for the first time. It is a light that is merciless until they accept its mercy; by it, they are at once condemned and redeemed. *It is Hell until it is Heaven*. Seeing themselves in that light, if they are willing, they see how far they have failed the only justice of loving one another. And yet, in suffering the light's awful clarity, in seeing themselves within it, they see its forgiveness and its beauty and are consoled."

In many ways, this wonderfully captures it: When, one day, we stand in the full light of God, stripped naked in soul, morally defenseless, with everything we have ever done exposed, that light will, I suspect, indeed be a bit of hell before it turns into heaven. It will expose all that's selfish and impure inside us and all the ways we have hurt others in our selfishness, even as it will expose its opposite, namely, all that's selfless and pure inside us. That judgment will bring with it a certain condemnation even as it brings at the same time an understanding, forgiveness, and consolation such as we have never known before. That judgment will be, as Berry suggests, momentarily bitter but ultimately consoling.

The one nuance that I would add to Berry's idea is a something taken from Karl Rahner. Rahner's fantasy of our judgment by God after death is very similar to Berry's, except that, for Rahner, the agent of that judgment will not so much be God's light as it will be God's love. For Rahner, the idea is not so much that we will be standing in an unrelenting light that sears and pierces through us, but rather that we will be embraced by a love so unconditional, so understanding, and so gracious that, inside that, we will know instantly all that's selfish and impure inside us even as we know all that's pure and selfless. Therese of Lisieux used to ask God for forgiveness with these words: "Punish me with a kiss!" Judgment day will be exactly that. We will be "punished" by a kiss, by being loved in a way that will make us painfully aware of the sin within us, even as it lets us know that we are good and loveable.

For those of us who are Roman Catholics, this notion of judgment is also, I believe, what we mean by our concept of purgatory. Purgatory is not a place that's separate from heaven where one goes for a time to do penance for one's sins and to purify one's heart. Our hearts are purified by being embraced by God, not by being separated from God for a time so as to be made worthy of that embrace. As well, as Therese of Lisieux implies, the punishment for our sin is in the embrace itself. Final judgment takes place by being unconditionally embraced by Love. When that happens to the extent that we're sinful and selfish that embrace of pure goodness and love will make us painfully aware of our own sin and that will be *hell until it is heaven*.

As a lyric by Leonard Cohen puts it: *Behold the gates of mercy, in arbitrary space, and none of us deserving the cruelty or the grace*. He's right. None of us deserves either the cruelty or the grace we experience in this world. And only our final judgment, the embrace of unconditional love, God's kiss, will make us aware both of how cruel we've been and how good we really are.