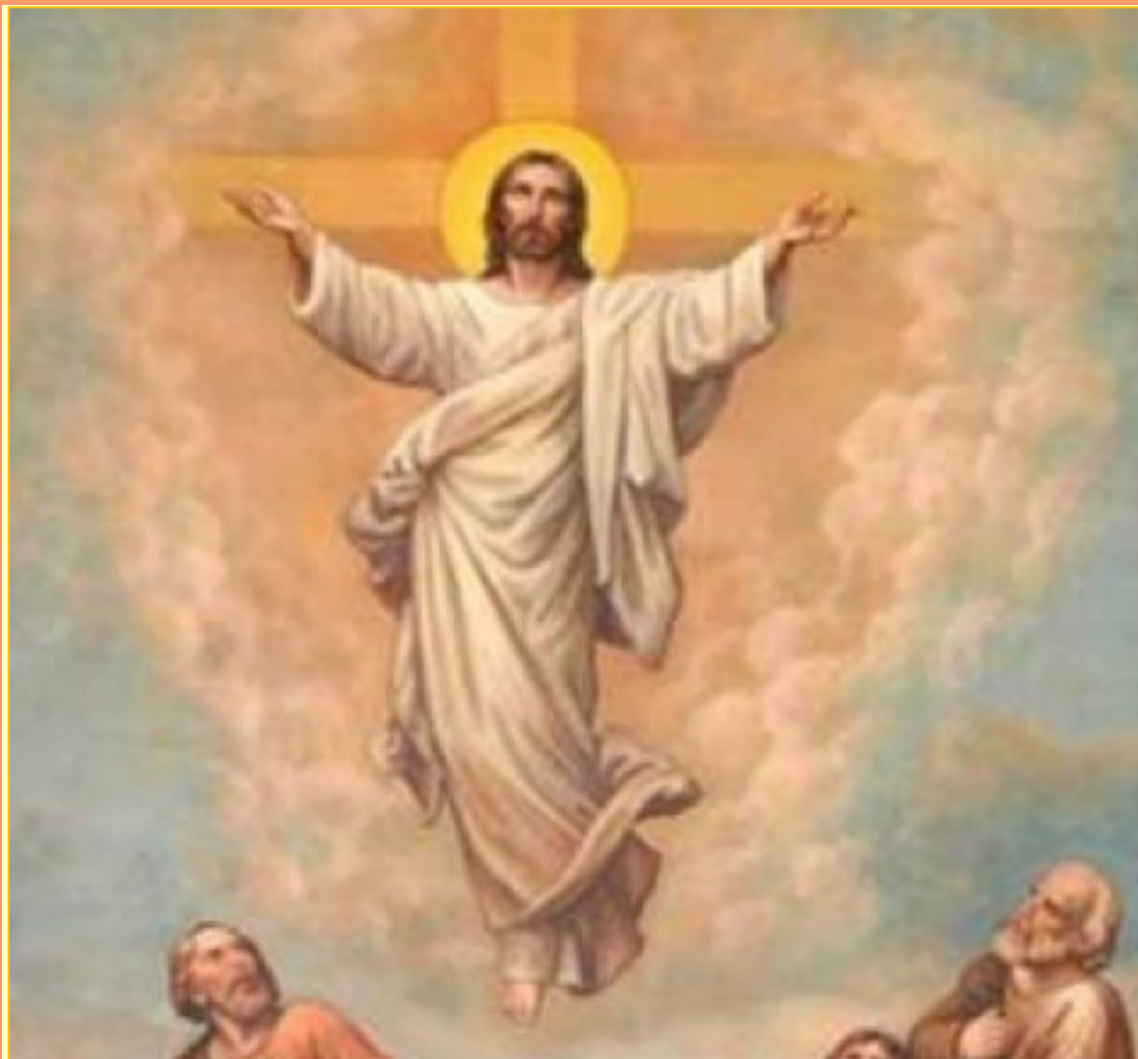




The Parish of Saints Philip and James
1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780
631-584-5454

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018



"This I command you: love one another."

John 15:17

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

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

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
Father Patrick Osei-Poku
Deacon Ronald Blasius
Deacon John Keenan
Deacon Ken Maher
Margaret Adams
Virginia Portanova
John Cordes
Lynn Sisti
Charlotte Czujko
Barbara Luna
Dominick Avento
Suzanne Fitzgibbon
Frank Brancaccio

Pastor
Associate Pastor
Deacon
Deacon
Deacon
Director of Music
Business Manager
Director of Facilities
Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry
Religious Education Coordinator Grades 1-2
Religious Education Coordinator Grades 3-6
Religious Education Coordinator Grades 7-8
Religious Education Administrator
Youth Minister

Pastoral Council

Claire DiCarlo, Chris Donnelly, Richard Frazita, Lou Guerra, Kelsey Greco, Cynthia Lombardi, Martin Marut, Ann Mondrone, Mary Ann Pose, Noel Rannazzisi, Tom Sica, Dr. John Primavera

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 RCLA.

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,

In today's gospel Jesus says, "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete." What does "joy" bring to mind? Fr. Larry Gillick, SJ, writes:

Joy is not always an emotion we experience constantly, but it is our orientation as Christians. We pray, not for smiles, but the quiet peacefulness which comes from union and belonging. We live joy....

Joy is a word with many nuances. There's something deep about joy – joy is not superficial. When have you experienced joy? Do you connect that experience with the joy of Jesus?

Joy does come to mind anticipating a warm welcome to all to come to view our Bethany Center this weekend and to anticipate the many opportunities of faith development this new space will afford us as we "stand on the shoulders of the ones who went before us", the many, many generations of faith filled parishioners who first built and prayed in our "new old church."

A thanks to all who prepared and joined in last Monday's "Dine Around". It was a wonderful night of feasting and friendship. This weekend we will continue to welcome our young ones to receive the Lord for the first time as they make their First Communion. Congratulations to them and to their families and to the catechists who readied them for this special day. Please be sure to acknowledge and congratulate them if you see them dressed in their communion outfits.

This Thursday we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation. The Masses are Wednesday evening at 7:30pm, and Thursday morning, at 7:30am and 9:15am and Thursday evening at 7:30pm. Can you imagine how Jesus' disciples felt at that time? After the devastation of his death and the joy of his resurrection, Jesus was leaving them – though he promises they will not be alone. He will be with them - and us - always, in a new and deeper way. This must have sounded strange to the disciples. Yet, such "absence and presence" is part of our human experience. Fr. Ron Rolheiser calls it "*the mystery of saying good-bye*".

With my continued apologies...

I've decided to sell my vacuum. Well, it was just gathering dust!

What's the best time to go to the dentist? Tooth-hurtie!

Never date a tennis player. Love means nothing to them.

My wife and I have been happy for 20 years. But then we met.

Peace,

Father Tom

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

LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY.



Your generosity on Catholic Schools Sunday helps the Tomorrow's Hope Foundation provide scholarship funding for Long Island students who want a faith-based Catholic education, but need a little help with the tuition. Please consider helping to share the gift of Catholic education for the good of our students and for the future of our Church. To learn more, or to make a direct, tax-deductible donation, visit tomorrowshopefoundation.org or call 516-745-7611.



Second Collection

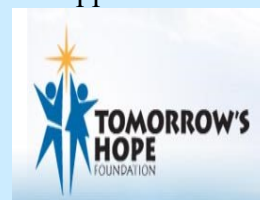
THIS Weekend:
May 5th & 6th, 2018

For Catholic Elementary Schools

Half of the money collected in parishes that have schools, such as SSPJ, stays within the school.

The remaining portion of money collected is sent to the Diocese of Rockville Center and is given to Tomorrow's Hope Foundation for scholarships.

Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated.



Music Ministry

I want to take a moment to thank our bell ringers.

Tim Adams, Lori Dellecave, Mary Clay, Barbara and Steve O'Donnell, Jane Lohmann, Marietta Cesarski and Barbara Meringolo.

They have been playing along during some of the hymns at Mass, ie Gloria and this Sunday, This Day Was made by the Lord. They also played at our two Confirmations on April 14th. It adds so much to our worship. The bells will continue throughout the Easter season.

A side note... Some of the bell ringers DON'T know how to read music. Which means ANYONE can ring them. All you need is a little instruction, which I give, and some practice.

If this is something that you would like to try think about it and come see me.

Well done bell ringers!!



SSPJ SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND

May 5th & 6th

AT THE "BETHANY CENTER"

The Good News of Sts. Philip & James School



Enrolling Now

for the 2018- 2019 School Year!

SSPJ School Pre-K -5th grade & SSPJ Academy 6th - 8th grade

*The best gift you can give a child is a Catholic Education.
It is a gift that will last a lifetime.*

Sts. Philip & James School offers:

High Academic Standards

Strong Faith Formation

Community Support

Character development in a safe and welcoming environment

Personal and individualized attention

Strong focus on providing leadership and service to others

And, SO MUCH MORE

You are welcome to stop in and visit!

View the SSPJ Website and Facebook Page to see all that we have to offer.

Kindly Contact , Mrs. Ruth Testa, School Principal

IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!!
THE SSPJ SCHOOL GUILD PLANT SALE WILL BE HELD
THIS WEEK ON:
Tuesday & Wednesday:

May 8th and May 9th, 2018

From 10 am until 3pm

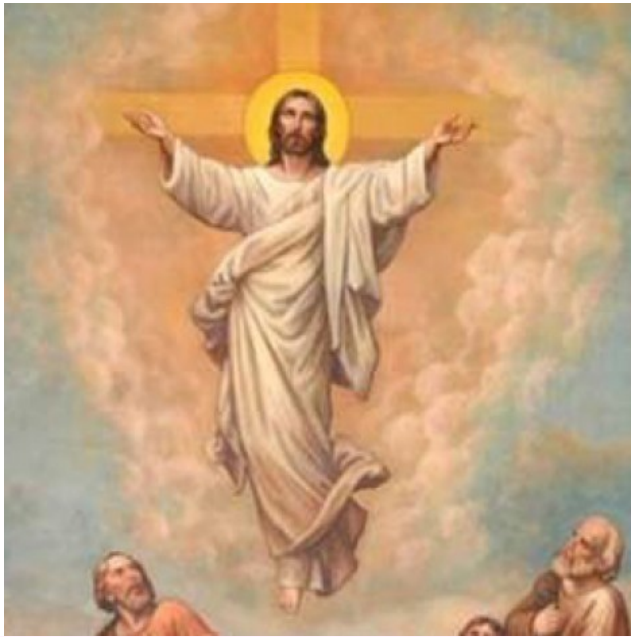
In The School Auditorium

This Wonderful Sale is OPEN TO ALL PARISHONERS!!!

A wide variety of flowers are available For purchase!

SSPJ GUILD DINE AROUND...THEY DINED, AND DINED, AND DINED!
A delicious celebration of community and faith!
And All were served with a SMILE!





Thursday, May 10th, 2018 is the

**The Ascension of the Lord,
A holy day of obligation**

The mass schedule will be:

**Wednesday, May 9th, 2018
5pm**

**Thursday, May 10th, 2018:
7:30am
9:15am
7:30pm**

"Dear brothers and sisters, the Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way."
Pope Francis General Audience 4-17-2013



Katie's Way

Katie's Way Collection

Saturday, May 12, 2018

403 Lake Avenue, St. James, NY 11780

1pm—3pm

*Collecting new and gently used baby items for
Mother's, Expectant Mother's and Children in need.*

**Next Weekend, May 12th & 13th, 2018
Second Collection for the:
Catholic Communication Campaign**

The Catholic Communication Campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media.

Fifty percent of funds collected during this campaign remain in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

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, MAY 7, 2018

Event: Open Forum Discussion

Topic: Defending Life in a Culture of Death

Since our nation legalized abortion 45 years ago, over 60 million babies have been killed. Seven states have allowed physician-assisted suicide, with many more considering laws to legalize it. Pope John Paul II called the devaluation of human life in favor of convenience and expediency a "culture of death." While our nation is divided over these issues, the teaching of the Church is clear, and the need for a strong and consistent Catholic witness on behalf of a "culture of life" is vital. Do you know the facts about abortion and euthanasia, or is your thinking muddled by the distortions and euphemisms used to hide the horrifying truth? Are you able to counter the arguments for "choice" and "death with dignity" and defend the sanctity of life? Join us Monday evening to discuss how we all can do more for the right to life, not just to protect our own and our children's future, but to save lives now.

Time/Location: 6:30 PM: Holy Hour, Main Church

7:30 PM: Discussion & Coffee Social, Church

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

Website: www.sspjmensforum.org



CHURCH of SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES

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Religious Education News

COMMUNION II REHEARSAL

*FOR THE 11:30 AM GROUP:
ON MAY 12, 2018*

WILL BE HELD ON:

*MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018
AT 4:30PM IN THE CHURCH*

FOR THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

Maria Brochard, Melissa Sheridan, Kathleen Swenson, Noelle Ciminiello and Michele Nestor.



COMMUNION II REHEARSAL

*FOR THE 1:30 PM GROUP:
ON MAY 12, 2018*

WILL BE HELD ON:

*WEDNESDAY, MAY 9TH, 2018
AT 4:30PM IN THE CHURCH*

FOR THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

Peggy Koeplin, John McGovern, Corrine Nocera and Lisa Schweitzer

Congratulations to all of our Religious Education Students who have received the blessed sacrament of First Holy Communion.

May God keep you and hold each and everyone of you in the palm of his hands, and bless your beautiful families with his love and grace.

A very special thank you to all of our Communion II Religious Education Teachers whose unfailing dedication and love have touched and molded the lives of each and every student and family.

Thankyou to Charlotte Czujko Religious Education Coordinator for grades 1 and 2 for all of your hard work ,dedication and support to all your Students, Families and Teachers.

To All Our Catechists and anyone who maybe considering sharing your gift of faith with our Religious Education Students,

There will be a Religious Education Recruitment Meeting on:

Monday, May 14, 2018

at 7 pm

In the Sts. Philip and James Room in the Parish Center.

At this meeting, we wish to thank all of our very special and dedicated Catechists as well as introduce our Religious Education program to anyone interested in becoming involved as a Catechist.

We invite you to attend this meeting to learn more about our program.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Light refreshments will be served in appreciation of your time.

If you are able to attend, kindly rsvp to: sfsspjre@yahoo.com by May 11, 2018

Charlotte Czujko, Barbara Luna, and Dominick Avento~

Religious Education Coordinators

We are currently at 88% of our Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal of \$119,700!

Many thanks for your kindness and generosity of heart!

GOAL

\$119,700.



Pledges
at
5/1/2018

\$105,230.

**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: \$ _____

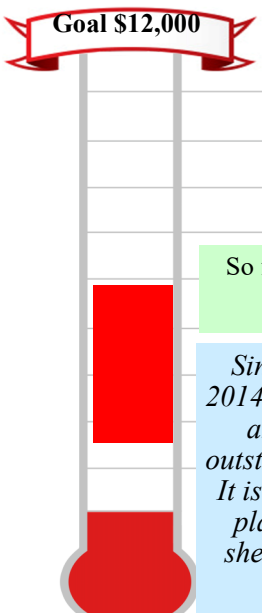
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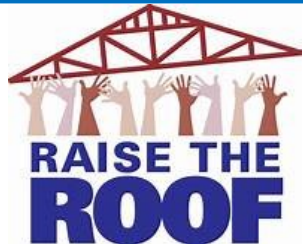
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For more information about the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**,
please visit <http://www.drvc.org/CMA> or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

Parish Social Ministry



Goal \$12,000



RAISE THE ROOF

So far, SSPJ Parish Family has raised:
\$6,000!

Since Father Patrick left Ghana in 2014, work continues at a slow pace in an effort to place a roof atop an outstation church in Nahinso, Ghana. It is our hope to assist in the effort of placing a roof upon this church to shelter all the faithful that gather in his name.

Our FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP:

- ♦ Tomato Sauce in Plastic jars
- ♦ Macaroni & Cheese
- ♦ Canned Chicken

Your continued generosity and compassion fill our shelves and hearts with love and gratitude.

For He has satisfied the thirsty soul, And the hungry soul He has filled with what is good.



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!

**The Wash Kit Gang will be meeting on:
Friday, May 11, 2018 at 7pm in the Auditorium**

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

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

Please join us as we help others in need.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting:

Wednesday, May 9th, 2018 at 10am in the Sts. Philip & James Room.

All are always welcome to Join! Knitting and crochet lessons are always provided!

If you should have any questions, please contact Marge at 631-439-0468

The Next Meeting of the

SSPJ Rosary Makers Ministry

Is,



Monday, May 7, 2018

*At 1pm in the
Sts. Philip & James Room*

*All are invited to attend this
very special ministry.*

SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of May 6th, 2018

Sunday, May 6th, 2018

8:00am	SSPJ School Guild Gala Ticket Sales	School Lobby
8:30am	RCIA	SSPJ Room
9:00am	Bethany Center Open House	Bethany Center
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, May 7th, 2018

1:00pm	PSM Rosary Makers	Philip & James Rm
4:30pm	REO First Communion Rehearsal (11:30 Group)	Church
6:30pm	Men's Forum	Church
6:30pm	Youth Leadership Training	Cantina
7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting	Auditorium

Tuesday, May 8th, 2018:

10:00am	Guild Spring Plant Sale	Auditorium
1:30pm	Spirit of Love Prayer Group	Prayer Room In 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, May 9th, 2018:

10:00am	Guild Spring Plant Sale	Auditorium
10:00am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Philip & James Room
4:30pm	REO First Communion Rehearsal (1:30 Group)	Church
7:00pm	Youth Ministry	Auditorium

Thursday, May 10th, 2018:

2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Choir Loft

Friday, May 11th, 2018:

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

Saturday, May 12th, 2018:

10:00am	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Workshop
5:00pm	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Auditorium
5:00pm	Guild Gala Ticket Sale	School Lobby

Weekly Collection:
Sunday April 29, 2018
Sunday Collection: \$12,568
Faith Direct: \$3,823
Children's Jug: \$25.
Total Collection: \$16,416.

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



Our Bread And Wine

For the Week of

May 6th, 2018

Are Offered for

Antoinette Rita Schifilliti

In Loving Memory

*On Your Second Anniversary
 In Heaven.*

*Love,
 From Your Family*

Banns of Marriage

First

Thomas DeBello~SSPJ

To

Cynthia IaFrate~SSPJ

WELCOME TO MAY~ MARY'S MONTH

...Mary, whose "yes" opened the door for God to undo the knot of the ancient disobedience, is the Mother who patiently and lovingly brings us to God, so that He can untangle the knots of our soul by his fatherly mercy.

Pope Francis, Saturday, October 12, 2013 on the eve of consecrating the world to Mary, the Mother of God.

Please join in celebrating May the month of Our Blessed Mother.

The Rosary is said every morning **Monday thru Friday after the 7:30AM mass** in the church also every morning **before the 9:15AM mass Monday thru Saturday** in the prayer room.

Eucharistic Adoration is available every **Thurs. 2-4PM and Fri. evening 8-9 PM** in the main church

Pray for all your special intentions and for our parish and religious freedom.



Mass Intentions, For the week of May 6th, 2018

Saturday, May 5th, 2018

8:00pm **Frederick Hnusiak**

Sunday, May 6th, 2018

8:00am **For the Parishioners of SSPJ**

10:00am **Antoinette Schif**

12:00Noon **Collective Mass:**
Reverend Clarence Murphy
Joseph Pelligrino
Grace Pelligrino
Corinne Sbarbaio
William McMullan

Monday, May 7th, 2018~

7:30am **Frances Dougherty**

9:15am **Louis Guida**

Tuesday, May 8th, 2018

7:30am **Olivia DiNucci**

9:15am **Lori Dolce**

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

Anna Capizzio
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
Christina Meringolo
Daisy Abruzzo
David Shankles
Dawn Kopel
Dylan Lauro
Eileen Zink
Elinor Glasser
Faith VanGostein
Florence Donahue
Gerard Duffy
Ginny McAuley
Greg
Helen McDowell
Hillary Boehme
James Gietzen
Jeanine Esposito Tansey
Josette Perconti
Joseph Perconti

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

Wednesday, May 9th, 2018

7:30am **Jack Pagano**

9:15am **Paige Keely**

5:00pm

Thursday, May 10th, 2018 The Ascension of the Lord

7:30am **Joseph Connelly**

9:15am **Collective Mass:**
Gerda Schmitt

7:30pm

Friday, May 11th, 2018

7:30am **Douglas DeWeerd**

9:15am **Robert Remhild**

Saturday, May 12th, 2018

9:15am **Margaret Castiglie**

5:00pm **Peter Byrne**

Sunday, May 13th, 2018

8:00am **Mother's Day Novena**

10:00am **Mother's Day Novena**

12:00Noon **Collective Mass:**
Mother's Day Novena

We Pray for those Who Serve



LCDR. MEGAN M. SHUTKA-VIK, USN
CAPT. WILSON MARKS, USN
CAPTAIN MICHAEL DOLAN, JR.
LT. COL. JOHN KAIRE
SPC. NICOLE A. CANNON
SGM. MICHAEL P. BORRELLI (US ARMY)
CAPT. JOHN TULLY, USN
LT. COL. JAMES TULLY, US ARMY
JOSEPH SAGGIO, USNC
CAPTAIN PAUL WILLMS
STAFF SGT. MICHAEL LONGHENRY
LT. COL. PAUL T. JACKSON,
STAFF SGT ALEXANDER PARRELLA, USAF
RICHARD SOTOMAYER, USAF
SGT. CONNOR F. SCOTT, USMC
CORPORAL DANIEL P. STEELE, USMC
SGT. CORY O'HARA USMC
CDR. ROBERT J. MARSH, USN
PFC. CHARLES CHRISTOPHER HOWELL
JOHN VINCENT KNOBLOCH, USMC
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PRIVATE JOSHUA OLSEN, USARNG
GLEN CRIMA-U.S. ARMY
PFC. ANTHONY SCIAMETTA
MARIO CATANIA, USMC
RYAN ANTHONY NASCIMENTO, U.S.M.C.
ENS. RYAN M. SHOWS U.S.N.
STAFF SGT. RYAN REXRODE U.S.M.C.
DR. KARA VANDEKIEFT, LT.COL.USAF
SGT. STEPHEN D. OUTCAULT, USMC

Safely Home... We Remember,

Marilyn Kruse





*The Parish of Saints Philip & James
359 Clinton Avenue, Saint James, New York 11780*

Invite All to Celebrate Mass

In Honor of All Uniformed Services Personnel

On,

Sunday, May 20th, 2018

At 10:00am

*All Police, Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS,
Court Officers and Military Personnel
Are Welcome and Invited to Attend
This celebration of the Eucharist.*

*Surrounded by the SSPJ Parish Family,
We will extend a blessing upon all of the
Uniformed Men and Women who work and serve us in
Countless ways through their heroism and service*

*For further information
Please contact:*

Roger Urce at (631) 682-1677—SCPD Retired

Fellowship reception to Follow the Mass in the Parish Auditorium

We look forward to having you join us at this special celebration.

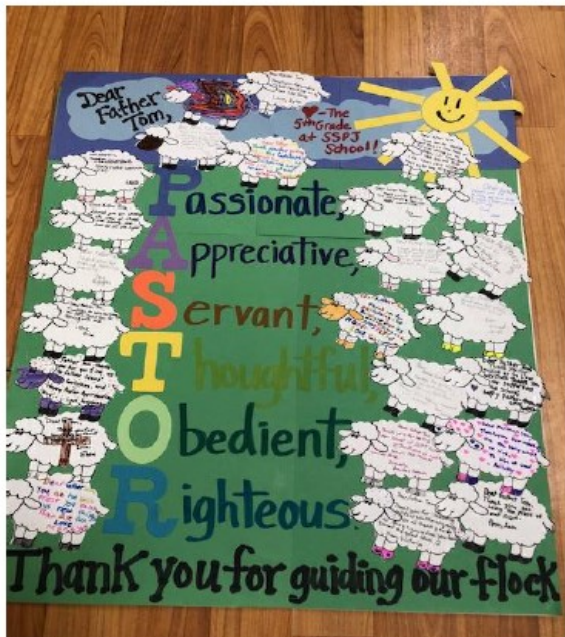
All Denominations Are Welcome.

Please wear your uniforms for this celebration!

SSPJ School News

Sts. Philip & James School 5th Grade News

The fifth grade students at SSPJ School put time and thought into acknowledging the office staff and pastor at SSPJ School and Church. They created unique posters, each filled with special messages of love and gratitude for Father Tom, Mrs. Ewald and Mrs. Hensen. The students were excited to present the posters to them, to show how thankful they are for all that they do to make our school such a wonderful place. They enjoyed writing their messages!





SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES SPRING GALA

THE ANTHONY J. WEIDNER PARISH SERVICE AWARD
WILL BE PRESENTED TO

CLAIRE DICARLO

SATURDAY, MAY 19TH 6:00PM – 10:00PM

SSPJ CHURCH AUDITORIUM

COCKTAIL HOUR & DINNER BY: VILLA SORRENTO
ENTERTAINMENT, DANCING, SODA, & WINE

SPONSORSHIP (CIRCLE ONE)

\$500 Benefactor \$250 Patron \$100 Sponsor \$50 Friends Other \$ _____

TICKET SALES

Reserve _____ Seats @ \$50 each

Sorry, I am unable to attend. Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Total Amount \$ _____

Check MasterCard Visa Amex

Credit card number: _____

Exp Date _____ CVV _____

Signature _____

Make checks payable to: Sts Philip & James School Guild
359 Clinton Avenue, St. James, NY 11780

Questions Contact: Lisa Stephen at schoolguild@sspjschool.net



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES COUNCIL
COUNCIL #12839

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018

Smithtown Landing Country Club
495 Landing Avenue • Smithtown, NY 11787



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION


Contact: Thomas Sica
(631) 521-4771
sikachu45@hotmail.com

Registration: 8:30 am
Shotgun Tee Off: 10 am

Breakfast Sponsored By:
Doda's Gold Shield Catering

This Year's Honoree:

Mike Tully



May the Course Be With You

Sponsorship:

- ☐ Dinner Sponsorship @ \$1,000 - (2 Available)
- ☐ Lunch Sponsorship @ \$500 - (2 Available)
- ☐ Driving Range Sponsorship @ \$500 (2 Available)
- ☐ Tee Signs Sponsorship @ \$100 each
- ☐ Cart Sponsorship (1) \$300
- ☐ Putting Green Sponsorship (4) @ \$250 each
- ☐ Pin Flag Sponsorship (18) @ \$125 each

Sponsorship Information:

NAME: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Number of Players: ____ \$175.00 per person
(includes Golf Cart, Lunch, Cocktail Hour, Dinner)

Dinner only: ____ \$75.00 per person

Total: \$ _____

Number attending: _____

Please Make Checks Out To:

Sts. Philip & James K of C Council #12839
P.O Box 201 St. James, NY 11780

For Credit Card or PayPal:
Please Visit Our Home Page / Website:
www.kofcsspj.org

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Celebrating the Liturgy- With Grateful Hearts We Serve

PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR May 12th & 13th, 2018

Saturday, May 12, 2018 5:00 PM	Sunday, May 13, 2018 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, May 13, 2018 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, May 13, 2018 12:00 MASS
Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Tom Haggerty
Deacon John	Deacon John	Deacon Ron	Deacon Ron

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE-FOR May 12th & 13th, 2018

Saturday, May 12, 2018	Sunday, May 13, 2018	Sunday, May 13, 2018	Sunday, May 13, 2018
5:00 PM	8:00 AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
E. Kaleita, Jr.	M. Dunn	H. Orlando	C. Zito
P. Kaleita	R. Fabian	P. Schifilliti	G. Zito
H. Keenan	C. Haff	J. Alternative	D. Coppola
T. Laiz	W. Haff	G. Amen	D. LaVecchia
R. Piazza	J. Harvey	D. Bleggi	B. Chandler
G. Priebe	P. Kanuika	R. Bleggi	M. Lebrun
L. Taurassi	M. Kenney	T. Boboris	J. Linder
L. Tepedino	A. Mantia	T. Cafaro	M. Napoli
D. Toto	P. Martin	M. Dolce	T. Pace
R. Willms	C. Czujko	C. Donnelly	A. Santo

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE-FOR May 12th & 13th, 2018

Saturday, May 12, 2018	Sunday, May 13, 2018	Sunday, May 13, 2018	Sunday, May 13, 2018
5:00PM MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
B. Doran	K. Illari	S. Cheeseman	P. Mazzola
L. Doran	T. Illari	K. Tomasic	C. D'Agostino
J. Scmillio	J. Tobin	M. Tomasic	G. Lombardi
R. Lauro	E. Nicastro	O. Jacobs	J. Lombardi
	K. Nicastro	E. Anderson	

LECTOR SCHEDULE-FOR May 12th & 13th, 2018

Saturday, May 12, 2018	Sunday, May 13, 2018	Sunday, May 13, 2018	Sunday, May 13, 2018
5:00PM MASS	8:00 AM MASS	10:00AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
A. Gelfand	M. Koke	A. Foster	M. Cashman
M. Drechsler	E. Dobres	P. Geier	A. Dinnigan

Youth Ministry Reflections from Living Stations of the Cross: March 30th, 2018

Mary

My name is Megan Sisti and I portrayed Mary in the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday this year. It was truly an honor to be given the opportunity to be able to portray Mary. On the first day of rehearsals we did a run through in which I was given quick directions on what to do and when. As Good Friday grew closer, the friendships I shared with everyone involved in Living Stations of the Cross grew stronger, and I was able to really embrace portraying Mary more and more as we kept rehearsing. When it came time to the actual performance, I feel that I was able to truly feel the deep emotions of what our Blessed Mother felt when she watched Jesus die for us. It pains me that Jesus went through so much for us, but I am also eternally grateful for him and all he has done for us. Watching my peer Chris portray Jesus and how he embraced Jesus and everything he went through enabled me to form a deeper connection to my portrayal. Everyone did such a good job with their portrayals that it was as if it was actually happening in front of me, and that was truly amazing. I am truly blessed to have been apart of something so amazing, and this is something I will never forget.

Megan Sisti
Senior, Ward Melville High School



Jesus

On Good Friday March 30th, 2018, I portrayed the role of Jesus Christ in the Living Stations of the Cross at our parish of SSPJ. When I was asked to be the role of Jesus in stations, I felt very honored, they told me that I could take a while and think about it if I wanted to but I felt as if I heard God telling me to take up on the offer and I became very happy and grateful. I knew that I had a very important and meaningful role to play and that it was a day filled with remembrance, gratefulness and prayer that I would have to resemble Jesus.

Throughout practicing and performing the Living Stations of the Cross, I tried to keep a mindset of how important this is and what it really means to portray Jesus. Jesus Christ has provided us with everything in life and after, when he died on the cross for us. It was powerful to represent the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior the very best I could have. I found myself always humbled and would ask God to give me the ability to represent the light, love and sacrifice of Jesus on that Good Friday. I was very honored and humbled to be able to represent Jesus Christ in the Living Stations of the Cross.

Chris Saracino
YouthLeader
Senior, Smithtown High School



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Getting Ready for Next Sunday

May 13th— Seventh 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 1:15-17, 20-26

1 John 4:11-16

Psalms 103

John 17:11-19

Is Jesus out of sight and out of mind? We can easily be hooked on the appeal of the present moment. We witness the expansion of human ingenuity in all areas. We feel inclined to revere the present and reject the past. Today's readings focus on this tension between yesterday and today. We are right to respect this current moment in time, but we must also retain a sense of continuity. They urge us to see that Jesus is as dynamic a force in the twentieth century as he was in the first.

In finding a replacement for Judas, Peter is concerned with continuity. The Church must be rooted in the experience of Jesus. Thus the criterion for their new member is that he must have been in the company of Jesus from the time of his baptism by John, and he must have been a witness of the Resurrection. Matthias is thus seen, because of his experiences of Jesus, as a unique proclaimer of the Word and the Spirit.

The author of First John sees Jesus, especially in his self-giving, as the link between God and the disciples. The love that God manifested in sending the Son reaches perfection in the mutual love of Christians. Such love, therefore, preserves the supreme example of genuine love.

The excerpt from John's gospel is part of Jesus' high priestly prayer. The author highlights the predicament of the disciples. Although they do not belong to the world, Jesus sends them into the world to provoke a faith response. Jesus prays that God might protect them with the divine Word. This same Word consecrates both Jesus and his followers.

The modern Christian's mandate is to make Jesus' presence just as prevalent in the world today as he has ever been. To forgive is to enliven the reconciling Jesus; to inspire the depressed is to introduce the hope of Jesus. Most of all, when we love without counting the cost, the world knows the self-giving Jesus. We affirm that Jesus is neither out of sight nor out of mind.

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

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For reflection...

*In the gospel, Jesus prays for us, his friends.
Who among your friends might be in
need of your prayers at this time?*

*Jesus sends us into the world "consecrated in
truth". What does this mean for you?
How can you/our parish bring the
message of Jesus to our world?*

*Jesus prays that all may be one. What keeps us
from unity with one another? What are
ways to foster unity in families? in our
parish? in our world?*

*The second reading says whoever remains in
love, remains in God, and God remains
in them. How do you experience God's
remaining with you in your daily life?
What helps you to nurture your
remaining in God?*

*Before choosing Matthias, the disciples prayed.
How does praying before making
decisions help you?*

POVERTY, CHASTITY, AND OBEDIENCE IN A SECULAR AGE

Cardinal Francis George was once asked what he thought of the radical pacifism of people like Dorothy Day and Daniel Berrigan, prophetic figures who believed in absolute nonviolence. How can this be practical, he was asked, it's utterly naïve to believe that we can live without police and without soldiers. This was his reply: *The world needs pacifists in the same way as it needs vowed celibates*: They're not practical. They're out of place in this world. But they point to the eschatological world, the world of heaven, a world within which there will be no guns, where relational exclusivities will not exist as they exist now, where family will not be based on biology, blood, or marriage, where there will be no poor people, and where everything will belong to everyone.

I thought of that recently as I was conducting a workshop on religious life for a group of young people who were discerning whether or not to enter vowed religious life. My task was not to try to persuade them to join a religious community but to help them understand what that life, should they join it, would entail. That meant, of course, long discussions on the three vows that people take to be in religious life: *poverty, chastity, and obedience* (classically termed "the Evangelical Counsels").

What's to be said about poverty, chastity, and obedience in a world that, for the most part, places its hope in material riches, generally identifies chastity with frigidity, and values individual freedom above all else?

Well, no doubt, poverty, chastity, and obedience are seen as radically counter-cultural; but that's mostly because they are generally not very well understood (sometimes even by those who are living them out). For the most part they are seen as a drastic renunciation, the sacrificing of a full life, the unnatural denial of one's sexuality, and the adolescent signing over of one's freedom and creativity. But that's a misunderstanding.

Poverty, chastity, and obedience are not a missing out on riches, sexuality, and freedom. *They are rather a genuine, rich, modality of riches, sexuality, and freedom.*

The vow of poverty isn't primarily about living with cheaper things, not having a dishwasher and doing your own housework. It's also not about renouncing the kinds of riches that can make for the full flourishing of life. A life of voluntary poverty is a lived way of saying that all material possessions are gift, that the world belongs to everyone, that nobody owns a country, and that nobody's needs are first. It's a vow against consumerism and tribalism, and it brings its own wonderful riches in terms of meaning and in the happiness and joy of a shared life.

Likewise for the vow of chastity: Properly understood, it is not a missing out on the joys of sexuality. It's a rich modality of sexuality itself, given that being sexual means more than having sex. Sexuality is a beautiful, God-given drive within us for lots of things: community, friendship, togetherness, wholeness, family, play, altruism, enjoyment, delight, creativity, genital consummation, and for everything that takes us beyond our aloneness and makes us generative. And so the very real joys that are found in community, friendship, and service of others are not a second-rate substitute for sex. They bring their own sexual flourishing in terms of leading us out of our aloneness.

The same holds true for obedience. Properly understood, it's not a missing out on real freedom. Rather it's a rich modality of freedom itself, one practiced by Jesus (who repeatedly says: "I do nothing on my own. I do only the Father's will.") Obedience, as a religious vow, is not an immature sacrificing of one's freedom and adulthood. It's rather a radical submitting of one's human ego (with all its wounds, desires, lusts, private ambitions, and envies) to something and Someone higher than oneself, as seen in the human and religious commitments in persons from Jesus, to Teilhard de Chardin, to Dag Hammarskjöld, to Simone Weil, to Mother Teresa, to Jean Vanier, to Daniel Berrigan. In each of these we see a person who walked this earth in a freedom we can only envy but clearly too in a freedom that's predicated on a genuflecting of one's individual will to something higher than itself.

Our thoughts and our feelings are strongly influenced by the cultural software within which we find ourselves. Thus, given how our culture understands riches, sex, and freedom today, this may well be the most difficult time in many centuries to make the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience and live them out. Small wonder religious communities are not over-flooded with applications. But because it is more difficult than ever, it is also more important than ever that a number of women and men choose, voluntarily, to prophetically live out these vows.

And their seeming sacrifice will be amply rewarded because, paradoxically, poverty brings its own riches, chastity brings its own flourishing, and obedience provides us with the deepest of all human freedoms.

Community News



Vacation Bible Camp is seeking a volunteer nurse or first aid certified adult and an arts and crafts coordinator for the hours of 9:30am-12:30pm: Monday –Friday July 16th—20th, 2018

Please contact Frank Brancaccio at the Parish Center at 631-584-5454.

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Our Lady of Mercy Academy – Third Quarter

Catherine Burke	9	Second Honors
Alexandra DeVito	9	Principal's List
Katherine Likourezos	9	Principal's List
Erin Nicastro	9	Principal's List
Claire Vos	9	First Honors
Elizabeth Cirelli	10	First Honors
Hannah Collett	10	Principal's List
Vasiliki (Vicki) Likourezos	11	Second Honors
Jasmine Winchester	11	Principal's List
Lauren Shank	12	First Honors

Chaminade High School – Second Trimester

Machado Rodriguez	9	Honor Roll
Mark Cirelli	11	Honor Roll
Noah Hoonhout	11	Honor Roll
Brian Willman	11	Honor Roll

Kellenberg Memorial High School – Second Trimester

Ava Kaiser	9	Honor Roll
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Saint Dominic High School – Third Quarter

Kaitlyn Greubel	9	First Honors
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Bishop McGann Mercy Diocesan High School – Third Quarter

Vincent Nigro	9	Principal's List
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