



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

631-584-5454

January 5th, 2020

The Epiphany Of The Lord



"They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother."

Matthew 2:1-12

*"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...

*You heard our plea and graciously answered ...
Thank you for sharing your treasure, small acts filled
with hope make great things happen!*

THANK YOU

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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STAFF SGT MICHAEL J BANG SPECIAL FORCES US ARMY

Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:

Weekly Collection: Sunday, December 29th, 2019

Faith Direct:

\$ 11,560.

\$ 2,877.

\$17,800.

Total Weekly Collection:

Christmas Collection:

\$37,362.

\$14,437.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

Happy Epiphany! Today's first reading says, "your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you". This glorious Light shines **upon** you and me, and does so in such a way that the Light shines **within** you and me. The word epiphany means a "shining forth", a manifestation of the presence of God. On this feast, we hear the gospel story of the light of the star guiding the Magi to Jesus, the Light of the world. These wise travelers noticed the Light, followed the Light, and allowed themselves to be transformed by the Light. May we be wise travelers this coming year -- noticing God's presence and invitations, following God's paths, and allowing God to transform us, so that we might be the Light for others.

Many of us may remember this feast being called "Little Christmas". Our custom of gift giving at Christmas time is often traced to the visit and gift giving of the Magi, the wise ones who searched for the newborn king, recognized him in the unlikely setting of a manger in Bethlehem, and knelt before him, offering not just gold, frankincense and myrrh, but offering their hearts. Epiphany celebrates God's "showing forth," – Jesus' manifestation to the world. We celebrate that God "shows up" in the places where there is need, just when darkness seems to have an unbreakable grip on our heart and spirit.

When has God "showed up" in your life? Through what people? what events? These are "epiphanies" too. Have you been an epiphany in someone's life? Sure you have. Many times. On this feast of journeying, searching, finding, and recognizing the shining forth of Jesus in all the spaces and places of our lives – especially the most unexpected – let's join the wise Magi in paying homage, and offering the true gifts of our hearts.

Traditionally today's Epiphany feast has been a day for the blessing of home and family. Surely all of us could benefit from pronouncing over our homes today: ***"Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love"***. It's another way to make Epiphany not simply an abstract feast we celebrate but something we experience and fulfill with our lives.

A tremendous "thank you" to all who joined in letting hope and joy shine forth in our celebrations this Christmas season – our music ministers, liturgical ministers, decorators, and all in the pews whose generosity and love continue to make Christ felt in SSPJ. Christmas and Epiphany do shine forth!

As we journey into 2020 (not just a new year, but also a new decade!) with God's abundant blessings, my hope is that together we may continue to build on all the goodness present in our parish. We are all called to a ministry of service, helping to create what Pope Francis has called the revolution of tenderness. Doesn't that sound appealing? Wondering how you might serve? Throughout the year there will be invitations presented – often "little ways" – which as you know I like to call "bite-size" opportunities – not overwhelming or demanding more time than you can give. Whether it be helping with some aspect of faith formation with our young people or assisting with a parish project or exploring participation in a sacramental ministry or lending your voice to our choir or trying another way of praying or ??? Together, let's be wise followers of the Light of Christ.

And,

My new year's resolution is to read more. So I activated closed captioning on my TV.

Peace,

Father Tom

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



A Happy New Year to all from the Music Ministry. Have you made your new year resolutions ?? How about joining the Music Ministry. Just think of all the fun you will have while praising God through music. There are many ways to serve. Some only take bite size pieces of your time. Stop by the choir loft to find out how. A Blessed and Happy New Year to all

THANK YOU!

The Office of Parish Social Ministry sends grateful, heartfelt thanks to all the Confirmation Students for their participation in our Pick A Star package organization and distribution....

Your service to this effort ensured that the gifts received from the SSPJ Parish Family were correctly distributed to all who greatly need and appreciate the help.

May God continue to bless you on your journey of faith, with hearts filled with gratitude and service to all who walk beside you...

With Sincere thanks,

Lynn Sisti~

2020 PRAYER

BEATITUDES FOR MODERN TIMES

BLESSED are those who remain faithful while enduring evils inflicted on them by others and forgive them from their heart.

BLESSED are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalized and show them their closeness.

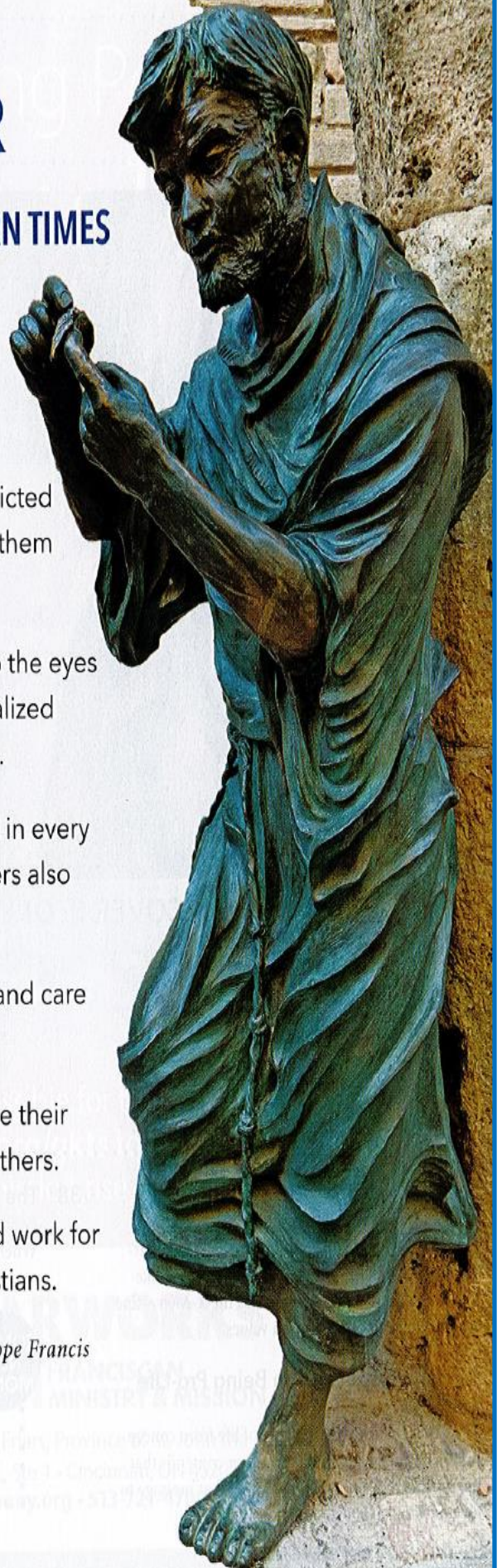
BLESSED are those who see God in every person and strive to make others also discover him.

BLESSED are those who protect and care for our common home.

BLESSED are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others.

BLESSED are those who pray and work for full communion between Christians.

— Pope Francis



The RCIA Team would like to thank all those who participated in the 'sessions after Mass – Catholicism 101' these past few months.

It was a delight to share with you. We will resume our regular sessions at 9am on January 5th, in the Philip and James room for anyone who would like to continue to learn or may be looking to complete their sacraments.

We will return during the season of LENT to present topics for your Lenten Journey. Keep an eye out in our great bulletin for our return. Happy Feast of the Holy Family, may you be blessed.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO WERE ABLE TO COME TO THE NIGHT OF ADORATION

And thank you to those who were unable to be with us in church but prayed for THE LIFE PRINCIPLES on the night of Adoration of Our Lady on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

We invite all especially who have suffered the loss of a loved one this year to join us for the rosary after the 7:30AM weekly masses or before and after the 9:15 AM masses Monday thru Saturday.

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, JANUARY 6, 2020

SPEAKER: Michael A. Hoonhout, Ph.D.,

Professor of Dogmatic Theology, Institution: St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, NY

TOPIC: "Why Did God Become Man?"

Join us for inspiring talks and fellowship. Experience new opportunities to be open to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit in how the Lord is calling us to grow as Catholic men of faith.

We are a brotherhood of Catholic men who meet at Saints Philip & James R.C. Church and are dedicated to growing in our faith and discipleship in the Lord Jesus Christ. We gather twice a month to pray, listen to spiritual wisdom, and draw strength from one another in fellowship. We seek to become better men of Christian virtue and witness in our families, friendships, Church, and community.

Please note that our evening time schedule has changed, beginning one half-hour later than before.

NEW MEETING TIMES: Holy Hour: 7-8 PM, Main Church

Speaker Presentation: 8-9 PM, Bethany Center (Old Church) • Coffee & Cake Social: 9-9:30 PM

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



Website: www.sspjmensforum.org

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Saint Patrick's Sponsor at \$1,000 _____

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My Contact Information :

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

Contact Phone #: _____

Accepting sponsorship from December 22nd, 2019 ~ February 24th, 2020

Kindly return Sponsorship form to Parish Center Office

For more information please contact Marianne Koke at 631-335-7111

Magic of Ireland:

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL: \$100.00

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

AVAILABLE ONLY: January 6th-January 30th, 2020



The Magic Of Ireland~ Saturday, March 7th, 2020

Celebration begins at the 5:00pm mass of Irish inspiration

Then continues on the other side of the rainbow with

A traditional Irish dinner, live music by

Gerry Finlay and the Cara Band,

dancing, raffles, door prize and Fun!

Ticket includes: Dinner, beer, soda, dessert & coffee

The Magic of Ireland ~ Ticket Form

Guest Name(s): _____

Magic of Ireland: EARLY BIRD SPECIAL: \$100.00 =TWO TICKETS AND A ONE BOOK OF RAFFLE TICKETS

(\$130. Value) EARLY BIRD AVAILABLE ONLY: January 6th-January 30th, 2020

Tickets: _____ At: \$40.00 per person ~Total Enclosed: _____

If you have any questions, kindly contact: Clare Farrell at: clarefarrellnp@yahoo.com

PLEASE RETURN TICKET ORDER FORM WITH FULL PAYMENT TO THE PARISH CENTER OFFICE

Celebrating the Sacrament of the Sick

*Beginning this Sunday, January 5th, 2020 we will celebrate this beautiful sacrament on the
FIRST SUNDAY of the Month*

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 8AM MASS

Prayer Shawls, lovingly made by members of the Prayer Shawl ministry will be blessed during Mass

Anointing of the Sick

*I was anointed before during a serious illness. May I be anointed again?
I'm having major surgery in a few weeks. When should I be anointed?
I suffer from severe arthritis. Am I eligible to be anointed?*

With our renewed understanding of the Anointing of the Sick, many questions such as those above are asked. The introduction to the rite states that this sacrament is intended for *"those Christians whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age."* (#97) As our knowledge of the human person has grown, we recognize that illness may be not only physical, but also psychological, emotional and spiritual. When a condition seriously affects how we live our lives, celebrating the Anointing of the Sick may be appropriate. Many persons advancing in years live full and active lives. However, some may be confronted with increasing limitations, perhaps not due to a specific illness. These persons may also wish to celebrate the sacrament, seeking God's peace.

So, at a celebration of the Anointing of the Sick we may find a variety of people gathered – people struggling with serious illness, both critical or chronic; older people seeking strength to adjust to physical limitations; persons struggling with an addiction or depression; persons preparing for imminent surgery; etc. Also gathered will be members of the community, family and friends, all joining in praying for God's healing and peace for those being anointed.

After being anointed once, when may a person seek the sacrament again? This depends on the person's situation. If a new illness or limitation develops, people may wish to celebrate the sacrament again. If there is a relapse or reoccurrence of an illness, the sacrament may be celebrated again. If a condition is chronic or ongoing, or if a person continues to struggle with daily limitations, some prayerful reflection is advised to discern when it might be appropriate to be anointed again. Consultation with a priest is helpful in discerning the timing of celebrating again.

What might the effects of celebrating this sacrament be?

"The first grace of this sacrament is one of strengthening, peace and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness or the frailty of old

age." (CCC#1520) The Second Vatican Council reminded us that "the purpose of the sacraments is to make people holy, to build up the Body of Christ and to give worship to God." (SC #59) Through the celebration of this sacrament, those being anointed seek to gain strength, hope and healing – though the kind of healing is entrusted to God. We don't call the shots! We unite ourselves more closely with Jesus, who also knew pain and suffering. We trust that Jesus walks with us, sharing our burden, offering us peace – his peace.



*Those celebrating the
Anointing of the Sick
are examples for all of us
of the power of faith.*

*Their prayer does
"build up the Body of Christ"
– that is, us.*

*And we who celebrate with them
enrich our own faith
as we support their journey.*

CELEBRATING THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK AT SSPJ

*Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on the first Sunday of the month
following the 8am Mass, beginning January 5th.*

If someone in need of anointing is unable to come to Mass, please contact the rectory so that arrangements may be made for the priest to anoint at home. Again, family and friends are encouraged to be present, joining in prayer for the person who is ill. The priest will bring all that is needed for the sacrament with him. You may wish to light a candle, as a sign of Christ, our Light, shining through any darkness of illness.

SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of January 5th, 2020

Sunday, January 5th, 2020

8:30am RCIA	Cantina	
11:00am Stained Glass	Stained Glass Wksp	
7:00pm AA Meeting	Monte Building	

Thursday, January 9th, 2020:

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

Monday, January 6th, 2020:

1:00pm Rosary Makers	Philip & James Rm	
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 7 Mtg	Auditorium	
7:00pm Mens Forum Holy Hour	Church	
8:00pm Men's Forum	Bethany Center	

Friday, January 10th, 2020

7:00pm AA Meeting	Philip & James Roo	
7:00pm Wash Kit Gang	Auditorium	

Tuesday, January 7th, 2020:

1:30pm Spirit of Prayer Ministry	Church Prayer Room	
7:30pm Chords of Faith	Church	
7:30pm KOC Officer's Meeting	Philip & James Room	

Saturday, January 11th, 2020

5:00pm Children's Liturgy	Church	
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Wednesday, January 8th, 2020:

7:00pm Youth Ministry Meeting	Bethany Center	
7:30pm CMSAA Meeting	Philip & James Room	

Sunday, January 12th, 2020:

8:30am RCIA Sessions	SSPJ Room	
9:15am Hospitality Sunday	Auditorium	
10:00am Children's Liturgy	Auditorium	
12:00pm Peanut Butter & Jelly	Auditorium	
7:00pm AA Meeting	Sts. Philip & James Room	

Religious Education Ministry

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES WILL RESUME: THIS WEEK **JANUARY 6TH, 2020**

Wishing all our students and their families a Blessed New Year!

URGENT! TO ALL PARENTS OF STUDENTS REGISTERED IN THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: YOU MUST REGISTER YOUR FAMILY WITH FLOCK NOTES

PER THE DIRECTIONS BELOW:

As we approach the Winter season all relevant information regarding cancellations will be posted using Flocknotes: If you have any questions, please contact the Religious Ed office at 631-584-5454

First and Second Grade Parents or Catechists:

TEXT the word

SSPJ-Communion (no spaces) to number 84576 and follow the instructions on your phone



For Third thru Sixth Grade Parents or

Catechists: TEXT the word

SSPJ-CRE (no spaces) to number 84576 and follow the instructions.

For Seventh and Eighth Grade Parents or

Catechists: TEXT the word

SSPJ-Confirm (no spaces) to number 84576 and follow the instructions on your phone

Thank you for your attention to this very important issue.

Act of Contrition

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



SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION: For GRADES: 1, 2, & 3
THIS REFLECTION IS TO BE SHARED AT MASS ON:
SATURDAY, OR SUNDAY, January 11th & 12th, 2020



January 5th, 2020

Welcome to the Epiphany of the Lord

The Gospel of: Matthew 2:1-12

My Name Is: _____

I Am In Grade: _____

My Catechist "Teacher's" Name Is: _____

Gospel Message: Matthew 2:1-12

In today's scripture story, we hear about the Magi who traveled far to honor Jesus with special gifts.

If you were going to visit the baby Jesus,
what gift would you give him?

Why would you give Jesus that?

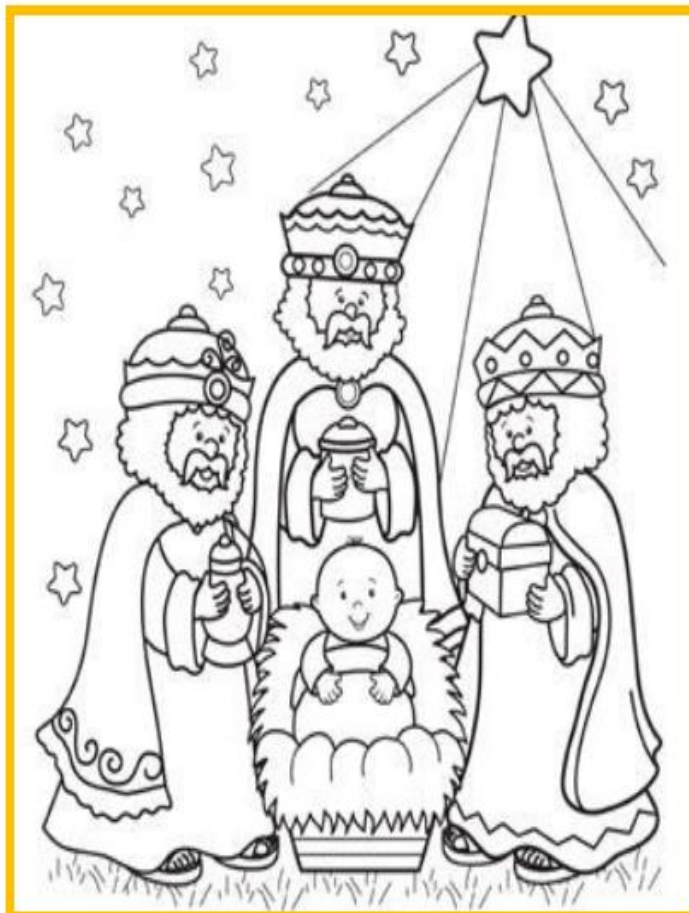
What gifts did the Magi bring to Jesus:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Please Color



My Weekly Prayer:

Jesus, please help me to always give the gifts that don't cost money, the gifts of love, kindness, patience, please remind me that these gifts show my love for you.

Amen



SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION: For GRADES: 4,5 & 6
THIS REFLECTION IS TO BE SHARED AT MASS ON:
SATURDAY OR SUNDAY, January 11th & 12th, 2020



Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord

January 5th, 2020

The Gospel of: Matthew 2:1-12

My Name Is: _____

I Am In Grade: _____

My Catechist Name Is: _____

Gospel Message: The Gospel of Matthew 2: 1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus, bringing him gifts

What gifts were given to Jesus by the Magi?

Why do you think they selected those three gifts for Jesus?



If you could join the Magi in traveling to honor Jesus, what gift do you think you would bring?

Why did you choose that gift?

My Prayer for the week

Dear Jesus,

Help me to recognize all the gifts you have blessed me with, help me to try, each day, to share the gifts of friendship, patience, understanding and kindness with all that I meet each day.

Amen



SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION: For GRADES: 7 & 8 Confirmation I & II
THIS REFLECTION IS TO BE SHARED AT MASS ON:
SATURDAY, or SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH OR JANUARY 12TH, 2020



Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord ~

January 5th, 2020

Mass Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72,1-13, Ephesians 3:2-3a, Matthew 2:1-12

Student's Name : _____

I Am In Grade: _____

My Catechist Name Is: _____

My Prayer for the week

Dear Jesus,

Help me to recognize all the gifts you have blessed me with,
help me to try, each day, to share the gifts of friendship,
patience, understanding and kindness with all that I meet each
day.

Amen



The word: EPIPHANY means , "showing forth", a moment of sudden revelation or insight. In today's gospel, whose identity is revealed?

When the Magi finally reached the Infant Jesus, what gifts did they bring?

Why do you think they brought Jesus, such extravagant gifts?

If you could have traveled with the Magi, which of the three gifts would you have brought to Jesus and why?

Mass Intentions, For the week of January 5th, 2020

<u>Saturday, January 4th, 2020</u> 5:00pm Joseph Caltabiano	<u>Thursday, January 9th, 2020</u> 7:30am Dolores Loftus 9:15am <u>Collective Mass:</u> Edgar Tonna Robert Wilson Funk
<u>Sunday, January 5th, 2020</u> 8:00am For the Parishioners of SSPJ 10:00am Patrick Kelly 12:00Noon <u>Collective Mass:</u> Virginia Kelly Steven Conroy Art Walsh	<u>Friday, January 10th, 2020</u> 7:30am Neil & Mary Garguilo 9:15am Stephen Ponticiello
<u>Monday, January 6th, 2020</u> 7:30am Jerry Malley 9:15am Andrew Krauer	<u>Saturday, January 11th, 2020</u> 9:15am Tara Routi 5:00pm Erb Family
<u>Tuesday, January 7th, 2020</u> 7:30am Mary Reid 9:15am Kenneth Jenkins	<u>Sunday, January 12th, 2020~The Baptism of the Lord</u> 8:00am For the Parishioners of Sts. Philip & James 10:00am Maria D'Angelo 12:00Noon <u>Collective Mass:</u> Anthony Zumpano Bernard Erias Margaret Regina
<u>Wednesday, January 8th, 2020</u> 7:30am Bernard Erias 9:15am Pasquale Campano	

We Remember, With Heartfelt Sympathy,

William Keough, Jon Kessel, Edward Smith, Kenneth Kozlowski

Resting in the arms of Jesus



Our Altar Candles

For the Week of January 5th, 2020

Are burning In Honor of a

Special Gifted Person,

Brother Fran Rawles

Given By,

Bea Fox and Karen Consenz



Our Bread and Wine

For the Week of January 5th, 2020

*Is Offered for,
Special Blessings upon*

Donna Pappa

For Good Health

*With love,
Pat*



In Our Prayers

Allison Ioli,
 Angela Amoroso
 Angelo Peluso
 Antoinette Rotolo
 Anna Capizzio
 Barbara Bombace
 Baby Adeline
 Baby Kennedy
 Baby Mattia Rose Lubrano
 Belinda Vega
 Brian R.
 Bob Keenan,
 Charles Morgan
 Daniel Radice
 Deirdre W
 Donalea Donach & Peter
 Ellie Walsh
 Elinor Glasser
 Gregory Parker
 Gwen Dilgen
 Helen McDowell
 Ian Dowling
 Jeanine Esposito-Tansey
 Joan Kranz
 J.C.
 Joann Boccia
 John Cuccia
 John DeStefano

Joseph
 Judy Hanrahan
 Julie Scott
 Karlyn Phillips,
 Kathleen N.,
 Kitty Cronin
 Leon Donach
 Maria Clark
 Marie Sabry,
 Matthew
 Melissa C.
 Michael Fisher
 Michael J. Forker
 Michael LaVecchia
 Pat I.
 Patricia Fontana
 Patrick McDonnell
 Patricia Monetti
 Peter McGreevy
 Remi Ann Rexrode
 Robin Graham Denis,
 Sara Jean Andersen
 Tim Cavooris,
 Vicki Archdeacon-Gibb,
 Vivien Cordes ,
 Zachary Esposito-Tansey

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



PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY GANG SUNDAYS

"Help us spread the love one sandwich at a time"

What is this? A service opportunity aimed at feeding the hungry. Sandwiches are sent to the Mary Brennan Inn located in Hempstead.

When? : Sunday, January 12, 2020

Time? : 1:00 – 2:30 sign in at 12:45 following 12:00 Mass

Where? : Auditorium

Volunteers are asked to bring; FOUR LOAVES OF WHOLE WHEAT BREAD, ONE JAR OF GRAPE JELLY AND TWO JARS OF SMOOTH PEANUT BUTTER.

If you are interested in our next Peanut Butter Sunday, please complete the registration form, below and return it to the Pastoral Center by Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Sorry but if you are not registered; we may not be able to accommodate you.

TIME CHANGE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Peanut Butter and Jelly Gang

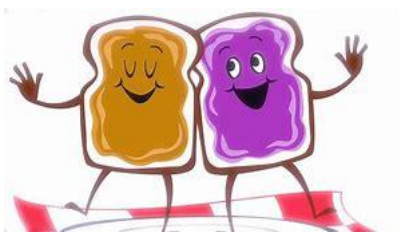
Volunteers Name: _____

Peanut Butter Sunday Date: _____

Home#: _____ Cell#: _____

Email: _____

Parent Signature: _____





Katie's Way

SSPJ Giving Day was a big SUCCESS!

The Sts. Philip and James School community generously gave baby items to support Katie's Way and 7th and 8th grade Academy students sorted, organized and made special layettes to give to women in need with babies.

Love, compassion and practical assistance honoring the Sanctity of Life.



Celebrating the Liturgy- With Grateful Hearts We Serve

PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR January 11th & January 12th, 2020

Saturday, January 11, 2020 5:00pm	Sunday, January 12th, 2020 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, January 12th, 2020 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, January 12th, 2020 12:00 MASS
Father Tom Haggerty	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Patrick Osei-Poku
Deacon Ron	Deacon Ron	Deacon John	Deacon John

Eucharistic Minister Schedule-For January 11th & January 12th, 2020

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

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E. Kieran	K. Keese	E. Beam	S. Stephen
A. Hughes	E. Nicastro	V. Franco	A. Peykar
J. Hughes	K. Nicastro	J. Prew	J. Peykar

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8th Grade Student	C. Czujko	E. Burke	A. Dinnigan

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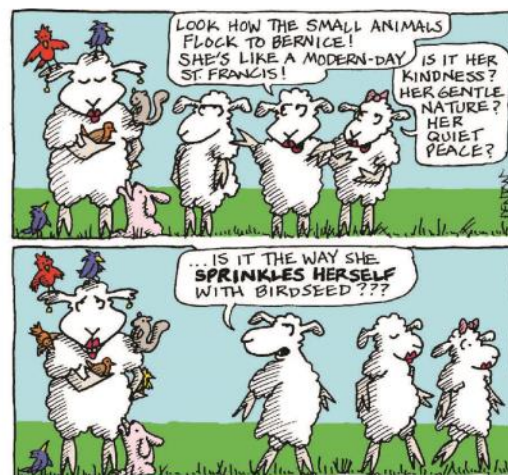
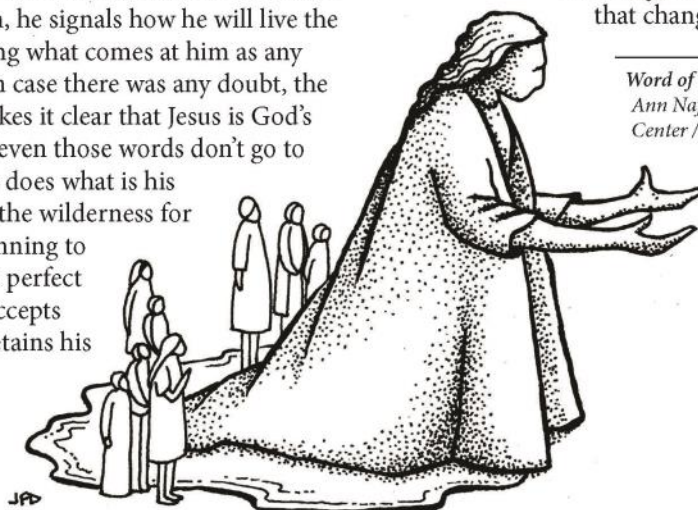
With All the Rest

This Week's Readings at Mass

- Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 - The servant of the Lord
- Acts 10:34-38 - Peter's discourse; the good news of peace
- Matthew 3:13-17 - Baptism of Jesus

Jesus comes from humble beginnings and begins his public career showing humility. Jesus was born to humble parents, a peasant carpenter and a young mother of no particular standing. He was born in the relatively unknown town of Bethlehem, nothing like the centers of power and prestige in Jerusalem and Rome of his day. He was visited by the esteemed magi and given lavish gifts, but immediately after, his family became refugees, fleeing their home country for their lives. When they returned, they had to begin building their life again in the simple, small town of Nazareth. It's no surprise then that Jesus grows to adulthood without an inflated ego.

Right from the beginning of Jesus' adult life, we see how his humility plays out at his baptism. John was the famous one at that point, with huge crowds of people leaving their homes and workplaces to go out into the desert to hear him preach and teach. Humble, poor people were going to him to be baptized, as well as the well-educated and well-off religious leaders of the day. Jesus thought it was only right that he began his public ministry by being baptized "with all the rest." In his solidarity with all humans, Jesus doesn't ask for special treatment because he is the Son of God. At his baptism, he signals how he will live the rest of his life, accepting what comes at him as any other human has to. In case there was any doubt, the voice from heaven makes it clear that Jesus is God's Son, the Beloved. But even those words don't go to Jesus' head. He simply does what is his to do next: going into the wilderness for 40 days and then beginning to teach and heal. He is a perfect example of one who accepts his belovedness and retains his humility



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"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased."

Sheepish Question:

Although we are baptized in water—not birdseed—how does my baptism with Christ empower me to live in a way that pleases God?

Questions of the Week

- 1 Whom do you know from humble beginnings who have earned your respect because they have shown themselves to be people of great integrity?
- 2 Often people feel the need to show off, puff themselves up, or otherwise prove their worthiness to feel good about themselves. If everyone were able to believe that they are beloved and that God is pleased with them, how might that change things?

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Taking our Wounds to the Eucharist

Recently a man came to me, asking for help. He carried some deep wounds, not physical wounds, but emotional wounds to his soul. What surprised me initially was that, while he was deeply wounded, he had not been severely traumatized either in childhood or adulthood. He seemed to have just had to absorb the normal bumps and bruises that everyone has to absorb: some belittling, some bullying, never being the favorite, dissatisfaction with his own body, unfairness within his family and siblings, career frustration, unfairness in his workplace, the sense of being chronically ignored, the sense of never being understood and appreciated, and the self-pity and lack of self-confidence that results from this.

But he was a sensitive man and the combination of all these seemingly little things left him, now in late mid-life, unable to be the gracious, happy Elder he wanted to be. Instead, by his own admission, he was chronically caught-up in a certain wounded self-absorption, namely, in a self-centered anxiety that brought with it the sense that life had not been fair to him.

Consequently he was forever somewhat focused on self-protection and was resentful of those who could step forward openly in self-confidence and love. "I hate it," he shared, "when I see persons like Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul speak so with such easy self-confidence about how big their hearts are. I always fill with resentment and think: 'Lucky you!' You haven't had to put up with what I've had to put up with in life!"

This man had been through some professional therapy that had helped bring him to a deeper self-understanding, but still left him paralyzed in terms of moving beyond his wounds. "What can I do with these wounds?" he asked.

My answer to him, as for all of us who are wounded, is: *Take those wounds to the Eucharist*. Every time you go to a Eucharist, stand by an altar, and receive communion, bring your helplessness and paralysis to God, ask him to touch your body, your heart, your memory, your bitterness, your lack of self-confidence, your self-absorption, your weaknesses, your impotence. Bring your aching body and heart to God. Express your helplessness in simple, humble words: *Touch me. Take my wounds. Take my paranoia. Make me whole. Give me forgiveness. Warm my heart. Give me the strength that I cannot give myself.*

Pray this prayer, not just when you are receiving communion and being physically touched by the body of Christ, but especially during the Eucharistic prayer because it is there that we are not just being touched and healed by a person, Jesus, but we are also being touched and healed by a sacred event. This is the part of the Eucharist we generally do not understand, but it is the part of the Eucharist that celebrates transformation and healing from wound and sin. In the Eucharist prayer we commemorate the "sacrifice" of Jesus, that is, that event where, as Christian tradition so enigmatically puts it, Jesus was made sin for us. There is a lot in that cryptic phrase. In essence, in his suffering and death, Jesus took on our wounds, our weaknesses, our infidelities, and our sins, died in them, and then through love and trust brought them to wholeness.

Every time we go to Eucharist we are meant to let that transforming event touch us, touch our wounds, our weaknesses, our infidelities, our sin, and our emotional paralysis and bring us to a transformation in wholeness, energy, joy, and love.

The Eucharist is the ultimate healer. There is, I believe, a lot of value in various kinds of physical and emotional therapies, just there is immeasurable value in 12-Step programs and in simply honestly sharing our wounded selves with people we trust. There is too, I believe, value in a certain willful self-effort, in the challenge contained in Jesus' admonition to a paralyzed man: *Take up your couch and walk!* We should not allow ourselves to be paralyzed by hyper-sensitivity and self-pity. God has given us skin to cover our rawest nerves.

But, with that being admitted, we still cannot heal ourselves. Therapy, self-understanding, loving friends, and disciplined self-effort can take us only so far, and it is not into full healing. Full healing comes from touching and being touched by the sacred. More particularly, as Christians, we believe that this touching involves a touching of the sacred at that place where it has most particularly touched our own wounds, helplessness, weaknesses, and sin, that place, where God "was made sin for us". That place is the event of the death and rising of Jesus and that event is made available to us, to touch and enter into, in the Eucharistic prayer and in receiving the body of Christ in communion.

We need to bring our wounds to the Eucharist because it is there that the sacred love and energy that lie at the ground of all that breathes can cauterize and heal all that is not whole within us.

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