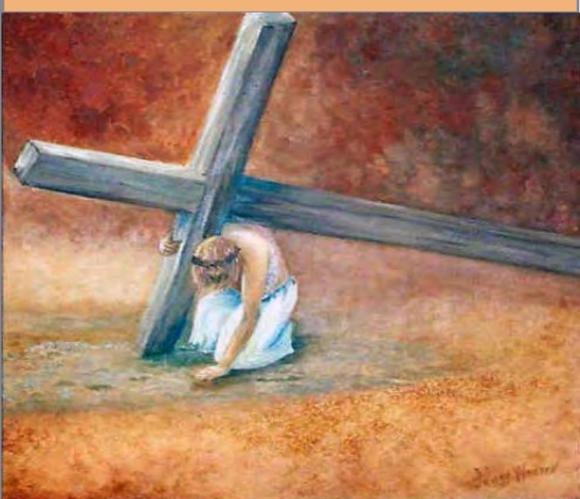


September 8, 2019 Twenty-third Sunday In Ordinary Time

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



"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple"

Luke 14:27

"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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Stewardship, A Way of Life

As we continue our journey, we share our "Time, Talents and Treasures" with our family, friends, and our parish community. Thank you for your support of Sts. Philip & James Parish

Sacraments

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eucharistic Adoration In The Church— Thursday 2-4pm

Friday 8-9pm

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE FOR US IN YOUR PRAYERS



LCDR. MEGAN M. SHUTKA-VIK, USN CAPT. WILSON MARKS- USN CAPTAIN MICHAEL DOLAN- JR. LT. COL. JOHN KAIRES 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

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Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:

\$21,000

Weekly Collection: Sunday, September 1, 2019 Faith Direct:

11,806. 2,877.

Total Weekly Collection:

\$14.683.

Thank you for your stewardship and contributions to our Parish

A Note From Father Tom

Dear Friends,

As we move into a new season of weather, of school, of activities, we come together to worship as family. Then, we are jolted by the beginning words of today's gospel! "Hate" your family??

Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP, reflects: One way to understand what Jesus says is to interpret it in light of his Semitic way of speaking. It deliberately expresses extreme opposites to get a point across. So, his hearers might not have been as jolted as we were when they heard what Jesus said. What is Jesus trying to say by his extreme mode of expression? He wants us to seriously consider the cost of being his disciples and make any sacrifice necessary to follow him.

Yes, being Jesus' disciple, being an Apostle of Hope, is a costly challenge. It was during the times of Jesus, and it continues to be in our present times. A poetic reflection by Anne Osdieck helps express this challenge in 2019.

O Lord, it costs much to walk with you.

Carrying a cross. Clinging to no thing, no one, except for the Father's Glory.

Family, friends, favorite chairs, palaces, portfolios, clothes, cars, books.

Help us let go of them and more, to take them up again only for you.

In them give us yourself. Be what we need. Be our light, our sun, our moon, our everything.

A heartfelt thank you to all who enabled us to reach our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal!! Now we are able to offer not only support for those in need throughout Long Island but also to attend to so many of the works and needs we have here in SSPJ. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

I've asked Principal Ms. Diane Anderson to fill you in on the growth and exciting new things happening in SSPJ School. You'll find her letter further on in the bulletin. Next week I look forward to sharing some of the developments in our Religious Education Program as we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. This year's new Youth Leaders will join in making part of that presentation at next Sunday's 10 am Mass.

Next Saturday is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. I invite you to bring a cross from your home (or purchase one for your home) to Mass next weekend. During Mass we will bless them and rededicate our homes as places of prayer.

We gratefully welcome back the Music Ministry next weekend! We've missed you! I'd like to thank our generous cantors who have so generously led us in prayer filled song over the summer. The Music Ministry is looking for new members. Please check today's bulletin for Margaret's invitation to consider becoming part of this wonderful ministry.

And,

How do you explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to understand? Some people say there is no difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED.

One gentleman suggests: "When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE. When you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED. When the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED!"

Peace,

Father Tom

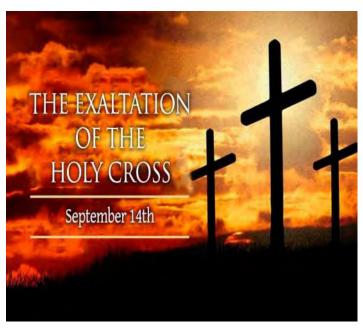
SECOND COLLECTION: THIS WEEKEND: SEPTEMBER 7TH & 8TH FOR: THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Now, more than ever, the University is strategically positioned to pave the way forward and help the laity play a significant role in healing.

Through hosting a conference series focused on laity response, and in creating an Institute for Diocesan Excellence in Administration (IDEA) where lay scholars and professionals can support clergy by providing expertise and accountability, Catholic University will serve as a springboard in renewing and strengthening Catholicism in our country.

Your support of the National Collection will help us solve issues within the Church and educate graduates who will leave campus ready to impact the Church, the nation, and the world. We appreciate your generosity.

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



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

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

We invite all families to bring your cross from home,
wear your cross as we will
Have a blessing of the crosses at each mass
next weekend.

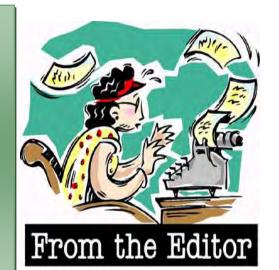
The Gabriel Is Gearing Up for Production!
They are currently looking for Submissions
THE TOPIC:

*"Parents seeing their child go off to college"*And if that topic doesn't touch some heartstrings....

2nd TOPIC:

"Do we have a hidden treasure at SSPJ? YOU KNOW WE DO! Please tell us WHO it is. or WHAT it is and WHY??

If you should have any questions, please contact Elena at 516-359-9264



Second Collection Next Weekend: September 14th & 15th, 2019 For: St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility

Thank you for your compassion and generosity

Remembering and Caring for our Senior Priests

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

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



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

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

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

- Rev. Msgr. T Peter Ryan



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

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

www.drvc.org/stpiusx

Liturgical Ministry Training

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

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING ONE OF THESE WONDERFUL MINISTRIES, WE ASK THAT YOU CONTACT THE PARISH CENTER OFFICE AT 631-584-5454.

KINDLY PROVIDE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION SO THAT WE CAN ARRANGE A TIME TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOU.

Thank you for sharing in these wonderful ministries.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING Fall 2019 (REVISED)

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

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

Nassau-Sat., 9/21 @ St. Christopher's, Baldwin (1:00PM-4:30PM)

Eastern Suffolk- Mon., 9/30 @ Saint Rosalie- Hampton Bays (7:00-10:00PM)

Western Suffolk- Wed.., 10/2 @ Saint Elizabeth, Melville (7:00-10:00PM)

Nassau- Spanish- Sat., 10/5 @ Our Lady of Loretto, Hempstead (9:00AM-12:30PM)

Eastern Suffolk-Spanish - Sat., 11/9 @Saint Rosalie- Hampton Bays (9:00AM-12:30PM)

Eastern Suffolk-English - Sat., 11/9 @Saint Rosalie- Hampton Bays (1:00PM-4:30PM)

Nassau-Tue., 11/19 @ St. Christopher's, Baldwin (7:00-10:00PM)

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

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

- (1) <u>To register for BASIC TRAINING</u>: Ask your pastor to write a letter requesting the training for every person attending. The letter should indicate the date, time, and place of the training session requested. Letters should be submitted to: Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre, PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571, Attn: Ministry training.
- (2) To register for LECTOR TRAINING, fill out the slip below and mail it to the Office of Worship.

	Registro	ation form	n for the Diocesan Lec		
Name:			Phone	e Number:	
Parish:			Town:		
Check session:	□Sep.21 □ □Nov.9 (Engli	Sep.30	□Oct.2 □Nov. 9 (Spanish)	□Oct.5 (Spanish only) □Nov.19	

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Sott'er celo de Roma

When in Rome do as the Romans do -

"On An Evening in Roma"



Saturday, October 25, 2019



6 pm - 10 pm

Dinner

Dancing and Entertainment

Parish Social Ministry



In the face of the rising currents of tribalism and nationalism Pope Francis emphasizes Brotherhood and Solidarity: "In the present condition of global society, where injustices abound and growing numbers of people are deprived of basic human rights and considered expendable, the principle of the Common Good immediately becomes, logically and inevitably, a summons to solidarity and the preferential option for the poorest of our brothers and sisters" (§ 158). - "Global consensus is essential for confronting the deeper problems, which cannot be resolved by unilateral actions on the part of individual countries" (§ 164).

Music Note

The need is **GREAT !!!**We need everyone!!!!

Choirs are back next weekend: September 14th & 15th

First Mass and Rehearsals are as follows

Chords of Faith –Rehearsal Tuesday September 10th 7:30 pm

Mass September 14th 5pm

Adult Choir – Rehearsal September 12, 7:30 pm Mass September 15th 10:00am

Children's Choir – Rehearsal September 17^{th,} 4:30 pm Mass September 21st 5pm

All rehearsals are in the Church
Any questions please CONTACT MARGARET ADAMS AT 584-5454 OR
SSPJMUSICMINISTRY@GMAIL.COM

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

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

Remember sing out loud and strong and "Praise God through music"

WE MADE IT!! WE HAVE REACHED OUR 2019 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL GOAL! \$119,700

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you so very much for your generosity and support of our parish.

Your support helps us to fuel Dramatic Missionary Growth by enabling us to feed the hungry, provide religious education for our children, strengthen parishes throughout the Diocese, form our priests and deacons, and provide funding for Catholic Charities programs like Talbot House that helps people struggling with substance abuse.

Your support also enables us to prepare for necessary and unexpected expenses that arise as a result of our growth as a dynamic family of faith filled Apostles: We Who Are Sent...Hope: God's constant gift of new possibilities

On behalf of all those who will be served by your generosity, thank you.

Father Tom

Religious Education Ministry

Upcoming Parent Meetings:

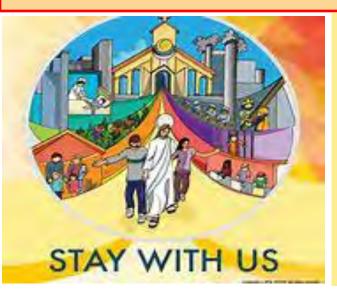
First Grade: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 7:00pm In: Sts. Philip & James Room

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

Sixth Grade: Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 7:00pm In: Auditorium

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

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



Catechetical Sunday Next Weekend September 15th, 2019

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

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

Welcome to the 2019 - 2020 School Year!



God bless all our students as they begin the new school year. I am honored and blessed to work with such supportive, dedicated, talented and creative faculty and staff. All have worked endlessly to prepare for the opening of school. The classroom set-ups are amazing and the teachers are excited to start the new year. We all look forward to watching the students learn and grow academically, spiritually, and socially.

There are exciting new changes to look forward to this upcoming year!

- Construction has begun on our new Science Lab location. The goal is to have it up and running by the third week of school.
- Grade 5 is joining grades 6 8 over in the Mary Monte building and grade 5 and 6 will now be departmentalized.
- · We added a Guidance Counselor to our staff 2 days a week.
- And we opened a second Nursery class.

Just to name a few!

Transitional Camp was a BIG SUCCESS!

















SSPJ Welcomes New Families!



FORMED CONTENT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2019

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

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SEPTEMBER 2019

A Whole Month of Liturgical Content on formed.org!



SAINT TERESA OF KOLKATA

Watch: Mother Teresa

Watch: Mother Teresa: Seeing the Face of Jesus

Listen: Mary: Handmaid of the Lord

Read: The Kiss of Jesus: How Mother Teresa and the Saints Helped Me to Discover the Beauty of the Cross

Read: Love: A Fruit Always in Season

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OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Listen: Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows
Listen: The Sorrowful Mysteries with Vin Scully

Escuchar: El Rezo del Rosario, Parte 1: Misterios Gozosos y Dolorosos

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SAINT HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

Watch: Hildegard's Gift

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SAINT JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO

Watch: The Reluctant Saint / El Santo Renuente*

19

BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Watch: Lead Kindly Light
Watch: One Step Is Enough

21

SAINT MATTHEW

Listen: The Gospel of Matthew / San Mateo*

23

SAINT PADRE PIO

Watch: Padre Pio: Miracle Man

Watch: Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth / Padre Pio Entre el Cielo y la Tierra*

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SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

Watch: Bishop Fulton Sheen: Angels
Watch: Powers and Dominions

Esuchar: Nuestro Enemigo y sus Aliados

Read: Angels (and Demons): What Do we Know About Them?

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SAINT JEROME

Study: Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 3: The Bible /

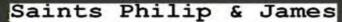
Symbolon: Conciendo la Fe, Sesión 3: La Biblia*

Listen: Lessons from the Early Church Fathers

* This title is in both English and Spanish

formed.org

OPENING NIGHT FOR SSPJ YOUTH GROUP WELCOMING ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12



YOUTH GROUP

KICKOFF

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2019

FROM: 7PM-9PM

IN THE BETHANY CENTER

FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, SO DECLARES THE LORD. PLANS TO PROSPER YOU, AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE

SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of September 8th, 2019

Sunday, September 8th, 2019

7:00pm AA Meeting

Philip & James Room

Monday, September 9th, 2019:

1:00pm Senior Group Meeting 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting Philip & James Rm Auditorium

Tuesday, September 10th, 2019:

1:30pm Spirit of Prayer Ministry Meeting Church Prayer Rm 4:40pm Adult Formation DRVC Philip & James Rm

7:00pm CDA Meeting

Philip & James Rm 7:00pm St. Monica Prayer Group Cantina Church

7:30pm Chords of Faith 7:30pm Respect Life Committee Mtg Cantina

Wednesday, September 11th, 2019

No Activities Scheduled

We Remember

Those Who are resting peacefully in the loving arms of Jesus.... Richard Luca James T. Connolly Bernadette E. Borner

Thursday, September 12th, 2019

2:00pm Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm Boy Scout Leadership Meeting 7:30pm Adult Choir

Church Monte Building Church

Friday, September 13th, 2019:

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

Saturday, September 14th, 2019

No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, September 15th, 2019:

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

Our Altar Memorials are always a wonderful way to express our hopes and memories and gratitude on behalf of loved ones lost, present, or wonderful occasions... Our Pro Life Rose is available for \$15.00 donation Altar Flowers, Candles and Sanctuary Lamp for \$20.00 Bread & Wine for a \$20.00 donation. For more information, contact the Parish Center Office at 631-584-5454

RCIA Thoughts from Sister T



ARE YOU SEARCHING?

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

better serve the poor.

Being a part of the Rite of Christian Initiation may help that searching individual and lead to a richer fuller life. If you or someone you know wants to know more, feel free to call Sister Theresita at

631-584-5454 ext. 214.

Questions and searching hearts welcome.

Mass Intentions, For the week of September 8th, 2019

Saturday September 7th, 2019 5:00pm Anthony R. Stramiello

> Sunday, September 8th, 2019 For the Parishioners of SSPJ

8:00am 10:00am 12:00Noon

Catherine Boyd Collective Mass: Thomas Lupski Rosalie Goodman Richard C. Daly Joan & Joe Ward Norma Montalto

Monday, September 9th, 2019

Rita Schifilliti 7:30am

9:15am Norma Montalto

Tuesday, September 10th, 2019 Josephine & Dominick Avento, Jr. 7:30am

9:15am Glen Zachry

Wednesday, September 11th, 2019

7:30am 9:15am Mary Ann Avento Lawrence T. Stack Thursday, September 12th, 2019~The Most Holy Name of Mary

7:30am 9:15am

John A. Sorrentino Collective Mass: John C. Moloney

Friday, September 13th ,2019~St. John Chrysostom

7:30am 9:15am

Mary Lou & Thomas Devaney (Living)

Joe Keane

Saturday, September 14th, 2019~Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:15am 5:00pm

Maria Lapreay Bob Wrenn

Sunday, September 15th, 2019

8:00am For the Parishioners of Sts Philip & James Mitzi Van Tuyl

10:00am 12:00Noon

Collective Mass: Manuel Calado, Sr. Chris Badolato Joyce Orlando Charles Notaro

Anthony Romanelli Michael McDermott

Our Bread & Wine For the week of September 8th, 2019

Are Offered...

Happy 57th Wedding Anniversary Mom & Dad"

"Happy 106th <mark>Birthda</mark>y, Dad"

Love you and miss you always,

Bob & Eileen Koop

Our Altar Candles For the week of September 8th, 2019 Are Burning....

In loving memory of Sebastiana Schifilliti

From,

Your Family

Prayer for Comfort

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless your friends who are sick. Give them the strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain.

Let them recover their health, so that, restored to the Christian community, they may joyfully praise your name, for you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen

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

Allison Ioli, Angela Amoroso Angelo Peluso Antoinette Rotolo Anna & John Capizzio Baby Adeline

Baby Kennedy

Baby Mattia Rose Lubrano

Brian R. Bob Keenan,

Carole Hennessy Charles Morgan

Dena Pollina Donalea Donach & Peter

Elinor Glasser Gail Morreale Gene Morda Helen McDowell Ian Dowling

Jeanine Esposito-Tansey

Joann Boccia John Boland John Cuccia

Jordan Marvelli

Jon Kessel Joseph Karlyn Phillips, Kathleen N.,

Kitty Cronin Marie Sabry, Marty Caltabiano

Matthew Melissa C.

Michael LaVecchia Patricia Fontana, Patricia Monetti

Paula Cote Robin Graham Denis,

Tim Cavooris, Tom Sica,

Vicki Archdeacon-Gibb, Vivien Cordes, Yanni

Zachary Esposito-Tansey

Our Pro Life Rose
For the week of September 8th, 2019
Is Offered for,
Sister Theresita Donach, CSFN

In thanksgiving for your "56 years of dedicated service"
With the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth
Love,

Your SSPJ Parish Family

Our Sanctuary Lamp

For the week of September 8th, 2019

Is Offered for;

Sister Theresita Donach, CSFN

With gratitude for your 56 years of loving service...

Sisters of the Holy <mark>Family of N</mark>azareth

Love and prayers,

Your SSPJ Parish Family

One More Reflection from Sister T....

To subscribe to Sister T's weekly reflections visit: www.nazarethhcsfn.org Select the heading: News and Events

He who works with his hands is a laborer. He who works with his hands and his head is a craftsman. He who works with his hands and his head and his heart is an artist." ~ Francis of Assisi

I couldn't help but share this Quote with you as we are just celebrating Labor Day, the end of summer and the remembrance of our Blessed Martyrs of Nowogrodek.

On September 4th we remembered our Blessed Martyrs of Nowogrodek, Sister Stella and Her Ten

On September 4th we remembered our Blessed Martyrs of Nowogrodek, Sister Stella and Her Ten companions. During the Second World War they offered their lives for prisoners taken from their families to die. The Sisters were taken and killed on August 1, 1943 in the woods beyond Nowogrodek. Sister Malgorzata the sole survivor of this brutal execution also lived a martyr's life in that she remained faithful to ministering to the people of Nowogrodek until her death in 1966. The miracle was that those they offered their lives for, were spared the death camp and returned to their families. (This is a very short version of the story)

The quote made me that each of the sisters was an artist according to St. Francis's definition. Each of them in their own way, used their hands, head and heart to care for the families in Nowogrodek during very challenging times. I am sure they had to be creative in the ways they ministered and were present to families, in the end giving of their lives for these families.

Today's challenges for families are different and worldwide, yet there are some similarities. How do we face those challenges? Do we respond to the need as a laborer, craftsman, or artist? How do we handle our own family situations or those of our friends? How do we handle families in our ministries or where we are employed? Even more how do we view the lives of so many immigrant families, what is our attitude towards them and/or their situation? I think it takes courage to speak to some of these situations, like the courage our Blessed Martyrs had. We may not give our lives physically but I am sure there is some dying to self, taking place. Do we possess the courage, faithfulness and creativity to be a true artist in the midst of family challenges? Know for sure there will be obstacles in your/our way, just as gold is purified by fire, we may have some similar experiences. We need to trust and use the tools of the Artist - HANDS, HEAD AND HEART.

May your week be one of reflecting on Francis Assisi's quote. I am sure you will find much to discover about yourself. Remember to whisper a prayer to our Martyred Sisters when you feel the challenge coming on

May peace and courage be your companions this week, Sister Theresita

Ps. You can find a prayer to the sisters on our website.... or should we just put the prayer there?

O Most Blessed Trinity, we praise and thank you for the example of Blessed Mary Stella and her Ten Companions, Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, who by imitating Jesus Christ, offered themselves as a sacrifice of love.

God of mercy and compassion, through the merits of their martyrdom and by their intersession, grant us the grace we humbly ask..., so that like them we may witness with our lives the presence of the Kingdom of God's Love and extend it to the human family throughout the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN

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Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Tom Haggerty
Deacon Ron		Deacon John	Deacon John

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Saturday, September 14, 2019	Sunday, September 15, 2019	Sunday, September 15, 2019	Sunday, September 15, 2019	
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C. Lombardi	C. Haff	M. Sehne	T. Pace	
R. Byrne	W. Haff	D. Anderson	A. Santo	

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S. Nigro	B. Willman	P. Wos	M. Stephens
T. Miller	M. Russo	O. Jacobs	S. Stephens
M. Page		S. Ramos	
S. McCalvin			

LECTOR SCHEDULE-FOR September 14th & 15th, 2019

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L. Halluska	M. Koke	C. Lombardi	A. Latino

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That Doesn't Make Sense!

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ► Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 The golden calf
- ▶ 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Paul's gratitude
- ► Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10 The prodigal son

The first two readings today are a precursor of the Gospel reading. The Exodus reading shows a courageous Moses challenging God to show mercy to the "stiff-necked" Israelites, which God chooses to do. In the letter to Timothy, Paul calls himself the foremost of sinners and relates how Christ dealt patiently and mercifully with him. Jesus then tells three stories of someone seeking someone or something that is lost and celebrating when they are found. These stories are so familiar to us we may not realize how ridiculous and shocking they would have been to Jesus' original listeners. Put together, all of these stories point to God's almost unbelievable love and mercy.

As the Gospel story opens, some good and righteous people are grumbling because of Jesus' choice of company. Once again, Jesus is found hanging around with some shady characters and ne'er-do-wells of whom the religious folks don't approve. To call them on their judgments and teach them about God's ways, Jesus tells three parables that would have left them incredulous: the parable of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son (often called "the Prodigal Son"). In each parable, the "seeker": the shepherd, the woman,

and the father, suggest something about God's shocking mercy and joy in welcoming back sinners which go far beyond what the Pharisees and scribes assumed about God.

"What man among you having a hundred sheep ... would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert ..." Jesus begins,

knowing full well that no



shepherd in his right mind would risk the safety of the majority to save just one. "Or what woman having ten coins and losing one..." he continues, knowing that typically women wouldn't spend more than the lost coin was worth to celebrate with her friends and neighbors when she finds it. Finally, he tells the famous Prodigal Son story, which today still riles up "older brothers" about God's fairness. Put together,

the three parables are meant to have a shock effect on Jesus' listeners, leaving no doubt that God's mercy goes far above and beyond what humans typically offer to each other.

Questions of the Week

When have you shown someone mercy when others might not have approved of it?

When have you been on the receiving end of forgiveness and mercy even though you didn't deserve it?

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Spiritual Reflection by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Late Migrations

Jesus says that if we follow him, the cross, pain, will find us.

That message is chronically misunderstood. Maybe we would understand it better if Jesus had worded it this way: *The more sensitive you become, the more pain will seep into your life.* We catch the connection then. Sensitive person suffer more deeply, just as they also drink in more deeply the joys and beauties of life. Pain enters them more deeply for the same reason that meaning does. They're open to it. The calloused (by definition) are spared of both, deep pain and deep joy.

With this as a backdrop I would like to introduce readers to a new book by Margaret Renkl, Late Migrations – A Natural History of Love and Loss.

This book manifests a rare sensitivity. Some people are gifted intellectually, others artistically, others romantically, and still others emotionally. Renkl is gifted with all of these; particularly with an emotional intelligence which she combines with the refined aesthetics of an artist and then further combines those two with the skill of a gifted, natural writer. It makes for a good package. Content is only part of the gift of this book. Beyond its message, it's a great piece of writing and a nice piece of art as well.

It's also a book about faith, though Renkl does not express this very explicitly. She writes primarily as a naturalist, an urban Pilgrim at Tinker Creek, someone who admires nature, spends a lot of time with it, understands well its prodigal character and its innate cruelties, and understands too how those cruelties (where, within nature, life can seem cheap and easily taken) are connected to the deepest forces undergirding all life, including our own. She shares a certain complexity of character with the great paleontologist, mystic, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, who was fond of saying that he was born with two incurable loves, a natural love of the pagan world and all its beauties and an equally strong love for the mystical, the other world, that is, the God behind this world. However, unlike Teilhard who is very explicit about his sense of God and the centrality of faith, Renkl's faith is more inchoate, though clearly manifest in her understanding of nature and in how she intuits the finger of God working inside the stories she shares.

The book is a compilation of short essays, alternating between wonderfully aesthetic descriptions of the life of the birds she feeds and the gardens she tends to equally sensitive descriptions of her own life and that of her family, particularly in terms of loss and grief as inextricably intertwined with love. A few examples:

On our shortcomings in life: "Human beings are creatures made for joy. Against all evidence, we tell ourselves that grief and loneliness and despair are tragedies, unwelcome variations from the pleasure and calm and safety that in the right way of the world would form the firm ground of our being."

On the lessons to be learned from observing nature: "Every day the world is teaching me what I need to know to be in the world."

On how sentimentality makes for a one-sided compassion: "The story of one drowned Syrian boy washed up in the surf keeps us awake at night with grief. The story of four million refugees streaming out of Syria seems more like a math problem."

On nature's beauty and its cruelty: "Inside the nest box, the baby birds are safe from the hawks, sheltered from the wind, protected from the sharp eye of the crow and the terrible tongue of the red-bellied woodpecker. [But ...] Inside the nest box, the baby birds are powerless, vulnerable to the fury of the pitched summer sun, of the house sparrow's beak. Bounded on all sides by their sheltering home, they are a meal the rat snake eats at its leisure."

On taking care of our aging loved ones until they die: "The end of caregiving is freedom. The end of caregiving is [also] grief."

On responding to a woman who insinuated that she, Renkl, was a coward because she much feared the loss of loved ones: "It occurred to me to wonder if she had ever, even once, loved anyone enough to fear the possibility of loss, but that thought was as ugly as her own, and in any case she was not wrong."

Richard Rohr suggests that we are forever dealing with the twin truths of *great suffering* and *great love*. During the course of this book, Renkl shares how her mother, a woman who could in certain areas of her life exhibit extraordinary energy and zest, would sometimes suffer through periods of paralyzing depression and how she herself is not immune to that same experience. There's a logic to that since, as Jesus says, sensitive persons drink in things very deeply, both suffering and love and the former can paralyze you in grief, even as the latter can give you extraordinary energy and zest.

This book deserves to be read.



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