



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

November 3, 2019
Thirty-first Sunday
In Ordinary Time



*“ For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save
what was lost”*

Luke 19:10

*“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

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

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Stewardship, A Way of Life

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

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

Sacraments

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE FOR US IN YOUR PRAYERS



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Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:

Weekly Collection: Sunday, October 27th, 2019

Faith Direct:

\$ 11,691.

\$ 2,877.

\$21,000

Total Weekly Collection:

\$14,568.

Thank you for your stewardship and contributions to our Parish

Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

St. Luke uses some images in today's gospel that can speak to us. Zacchaeus is described as being "short of stature". There may be parts of our lives that are stunted, which haven't grown to full stature. We may be short on generosity, small in compassion, miserly in forgiveness. Coming to church today is our "tree climbing", hoping, with Zacchaeus and with one another, to see Jesus. Hearing God's Word helps us to see ourselves better and to hear Jesus' desire to stay with us. Hearing Jesus' invitation helps us to change and become the joyful people who have heard the Good News and have embraced it. We hope, in other words, that we may not just get a glimpse of Jesus but that we will really see him and that we will both hear and feel him invite us to a deeper intimacy with him.

That's what happens with Zacchaeus and his family. We recognize from the story that being Christian isn't a private affair. We can't just stay in the tree. Zacchaeus took Jesus home and his family were the first beneficiaries of his meeting with Jesus. Zacchaeus wasn't supposed to become a monk with the tree as his retreat house. He was a family man and was sent back to his family and his environment with new sight and insight to follow through on his resolve. Will we do as Zacchaeus did and invite Jesus into our home? deep into our heart? Will we leave our trees of isolation and open ourselves to new sights and insights? As we heard in today's second reading, may God make us worthy of our calling, and bring to fulfillment every good purpose and good effort of faith.

Many thanks to Virginia Portanova and John Primavera, chairs of last week's Italian night. It was definitely a bona festa! Thanks, too, to the rectory staff who so generously helped in tying it all together so lovingly. A common theme was voiced by so many who said, "we should have more parties". Let's! Why not form a new "FUN Raising Committee". Interested? Please leave your name at the rectory.

Traditionally during the month of November Catholics gratefully remember all those who have gone before us in faith. All are encouraged to write the names of loved ones in the Book of Remembrance found near Our Lady's statue and to join in the concluding petition in the Prayer of the Faithful: *"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen."*

The morning of reflection for all involved in Liturgical Ministry is next Saturday, November 9th, at 11:00am. We ask all to make every effort to attend in preparation for the recommissioning to take place at the weekend Masses.

Saturday at the 5, we welcome the fourth graders who will serve as greeters, ushers and bulletin distributors and Sunday at the 10, the third graders who will do the same. Please be sure to give them a special smile and a word of thanks. We're also very happy to recommence the Children's Liturgy of the Word this weekend at the Saturday 5 and Sunday 10.

And...

I just burned 2000 calories. That's the last time I leave brownies in the oven while I nap.

What's the difference between a poorly dressed man on a unicycle and a well dressed man on a bicycle? Attire.

Peace,

Father Tom

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

Congratulations

Saint Agnes Medal of Service Recipient ~ Lisa Stephen



Thank you Lisa Stephen for emulating the eyes, hands and feet of Christ.

Dr. Lisa Stephen is a member of the SSPJ School Board and continues to be selfless in her promotion, dedication and commitment to our Parish and School community.

Lisa always goes out of her way to assist those who need a hand and serves her brothers and sisters in need at the Our Daily Bread soup kitchen.

Lisa along with her two sons, Mark and Shane planted a Parish vegetable garden from which many were fed this past summer.

Lisa is an outstanding role model of living our parish mission statement: "To live as an Apostle of Hope".

Congratulations Lisa and THANK YOU!

From "Your SSPJ Parish Family"

Ministry Gathering and Recommitment for all Liturgical Ministers

*On Saturday, November 9th, at 11:00am in the church,
Fr. Kevin Cronin, OFM, will be conducting a Ministry Gathering and
Recommitment Service for all who serve in our
Liturgical Ministries.*

Father Kevin's theme will be KENOSIS, the Greek word for "self-emptying" which is the very center of the Mystery of Christ...and everyone who ministers in His Holy Name, taken from Philippians 2:5-11. Father Kevin should know something about this theme. It is the title of his first book, and the aim of his life.

*I prayerfully ask all in our Liturgical Ministries (EMs, Lectors, Music, Sacristan, Usher, Baptism, Children's Liturgy, Altar Servers) to join us
on
Saturday, November 9th for this Ministry Gathering.*

If any other member of the parish serving in other ministries wishes to also attend, you are most welcome.

Parish Social Ministry



To promote the independence of our service users and to better respect their dignity, we would like to empower them to make their own choices for a holiday dinner. Therefore, again this year, we would appreciate more supermarket gift cards or monetary contributions and less in the way of food items. We will be collecting your donations after the Masses on November 9th and 10th, 16th and 17th. You may also bring them to the Rectory Office. Distribution to our clients will be on Monday, November 19.

Thank you and God bless you for your ongoing generosity.



The Pope also reminds us of our obligation for future generations. Many young people all over the world are making their voices heard and calling for courageous decisions. They remind us that the earth is not a possession to be squandered, but an inheritance to be handed down and that hope for tomorrow is not a noble sentiment, but a task calling for concrete actions here and now.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS.....

Music is in full swing!! The choir loft is filled with the sounds of Advent and Christmas Music.

All exciting things coming up.

We have new music for Advent.

More info in the weeks to come. In the meantime,...don't forget to sing your praise to God.

***I thought I would share this prayer with you by Davis Hass,
a composer of some of the songs we sing.***

***God, we believe you hear us when we pray. Hear us now, and guard is in the shadow of your wings.
Search our hearts and call forth the best in us as we sing and praise you this day. Remove any
blindness, strip away any distractions or other demons that may get in the way of our mission. Take
away all fear and calm us with the music of your compassion, love and peace.***

Amen


The Triennial National Collection for the
Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA
(AMS) is scheduled for THIS WEEKEND:
November 2-3, 2019.

Unlike a territorial diocese, the AMS has no parishes and must depend on the support of the Catholic faithful throughout the United States for its pastoral care and services to 1.8 million Catholics serving in our U.S. Armed Forces and federal installations worldwide. The nation's largest archdiocese, AMS spans the globe and its priests go wherever American servicemen and women are stationed, bringing them the sacraments, spiritual support and the Good News of eternal salvation through Jesus Christ. Thank you for your generosity.

Attention All Aspiring Writers!

THE GABRIEL Staff is welcoming all Contributors to offer some words on some of the following topics:

- ~ A Great Christmas Memory*
- ~ How did I ever get through Christmas?*
- ~ What Christmas means to me*
- ~ Christmas through the eyes of the SSPJ Community*
- ~ An open Christmas topic*

Deadline for submission is : MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 18TH

*Any questions, please contact:
Elena Atkins Mingione at:
emingione55@yahoo.com
516 359 9264 (text)
Or email Peter Rooney at
peterroon@me.com*



Christmas Card Sale

Respect Life Christmas Card Sale

The Respect Life committee will be holding their annual
CHRISTMAS CARD SALE AND RAFFLE
**AFTER ALL THE MASSES NEXT
WEEKEND: NOVEMBER 9TH & 10th**

Please look for our table in front of the church or in the school lobby if inclement weather.
All proceeds go to support organizations who work to protect life in all its stages!!

*The Wash kit Gang will meet
on Friday, November 8th
at 7pm*

*If you are interested in
joining them, kindly pick up a
permission slip at the Parish
Center office.*



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Saints Philip and James school is selling Yankee Candle!
Order now through November 8! All items will be in before Christmas! Great Christmas gifts!
Visit www.yankeecandlefundraising.com.
Enter group Number: 990017093
40% of all sales supports Saitns Philip and James School.
Please contact Jennine Cullen:
jbcullen78@verizon.net with any questions.

National Vocation Awareness Week ~ November 3rd-9th, 2019

"The Lord gives each of us a vocation, a challenge to discover the talents and abilities we possess and put them at the service of others." Pope Francis

Here are a few responses to this quote. Where are you being called?

Vocation of Marriage:

Kevin and I were called to each other by our mutual values and ideals. Vastly different from each other, we developed a strong bond through helping others. We chose marriage to further strengthen our partnership in love. To quote Allen Hunt; "As we grow in love, we grow in holiness. As we grow in holiness, we begin to become the very people that God intends us to be".

~Suzi & Kevin McNamara

Vocation of Religious Life:

Ever since I was a young girl, I loved helping people. I raised money (in ways that drove my mother crazy) to help buy supplies for children in need of school supplies, sent Christmas items to children without and gave my milk money to the missions. That is why in 1963 I was able to say yes to the call to be a Sister of the Holy Family of Nazareth. I wanted to do more and from what I witnessed in the sisters' example (community living, prayer, support and joy), I knew that was what I wanted my life to be. And so, Jesus called, and I answered. It has been an adventure and I came to realize that the reason why I entered is not the reason I stay. We are constantly growing. Where are you being called?

~Sister Theresita Donach

CSFN

Vocation to the Priesthood

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" – (Isaiah 6:8).

Vocation is a response to God's passionate invitation to humankind to share his agenda to preserve and save all creation. Jesus wishes all his disciples to show interest in vocation when he instructed that:

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matt 9:37-38).

As we support and pray for vocation may God nurture in our homes a strong desire for our children to serve God among his people. God is extremely grateful to all who generously offer themselves to respond to this call.

~Father Patrick Osei-Poku

Vocation to the Priesthood

Jesus was the center of my parents' lives. They both told the five of us how he brought them together in a very funny, life giving adventurous way. They were happy. They were real, exciting and fun.

My parents' generosity of service and desire to have us meet and know Jesus was reinforced in St Frances de Chantal School and in our parish community.

It became a no brainer.... I wanted to come to experience the Source of such joy. I began to want to follow Him...give myself to Him and He captured the imaginings and dreams of my heart.

A favorite quote, I read in a magazine: "God comes disguised as your life." It happened for me.... through the many people who inspired me, I came over time to hear Jesus say I've come to you in them....because I want to invite you to live with me in this way.... trust me Tom. Let me help you say with your life what I said with Mine...this is my body given for you over to "our" people. You too will be broken and poured out...but I will be your strength and forever renew your spirit.

Thank you, Lord! It's continues to be quite an adventure.

~Father Thomas Haggerty

Speak Lord, your servant is listening

From Sister T...

Opportunity is knocking and you have opened the door!

A big thank you to the Senior Group, Catholic Daughters of America, Knights of Columbus and several individuals who have helped to sponsor our youth for their trip to the NCYC this November. We are so grateful for your generosity. All we need now to complete our goal is about \$600. There is still time to help us. Again thanks for your generosity.
Sister Theresita



Do you know...? The Answers revealed....

What is the name of the wooden bench you sit on? *Pew*

What is the name of the table of the Lord in the sanctuary? *Altar*

What are the small pitchers of water and wine for the Mass called? *Cruets*

What is the name of the podium where the lector reads the Lectionary at Mass? *Ambo*

What is the name of the cross carried at the beginning and ending of Mass called?
Processional Cross

What is rung during the Consecration of the Mass? *Bells*

What is the name of the ornate receptacle used to place the Body of Christ? *Tabernacle*

Being Catholic 101 (Catholicism for Dummies)

THIS WEEKEND, after each Mass we will be giving a tour of the Church. It will be interesting to see some of the items you are familiar with some you may not.
COME AND SEE!

On the following Sundays in November we will be holding a session in the church after the 8 AM Mass. They will last no longer than a half hour. Why not come and be reenergized in you faith life and then share it with others.

Here are the dates and topics for November:

Nov. 2/3: Tour of the church after each Mass

Nov. 10th: Who do you say I am? (developing a relationship with Jesus)
Presenter-S. Theresita

Nov. 17th: What we can eat meat on Friday? Growing up Catholic.
Presenter- Michael Hoonhout

Nov. 24th: What's it all about Alfie? OOPS, ADVENT
Presenter- Fr. Tom

The RCIA TEAM IS looking forward to sharing faith with you in these coming weeks.
May your week be blessed. Sister Theresita

“Shine like lights in the world, as you hold on to the word of life” Phil 2:15

We Welcome All to Participate in Our 2019 Tree Lighting Ceremony

On Saturday, November 30th, 2019 after the 5:00mass

*This event offers a wonderful opportunity to remember in your hearts
“the lights of your loved ones” during this holiday season.*

*Our Christmas tree located on the front lawn of the rectory
will be lit as the names of our loved ones are read aloud...*

Hot cocoa and Cookie reception immediately follows.

*Those who wish to remember their loved ones with this special tribute, are asked to
complete the form below and return it to the Parish center office by the following dates:*

Wednesday, November 27th ~ For name to be announced at the tree lighting ceremony

Tuesday, December 10th ~ For names to be published in our Christmas bulletin

All names received by December 10th will be printed in our Christmas bulletin

\$5.00 donation per each name being memorialized

“Let their lights shine not only in our hearts, but, in our Parish”

Annual Tree Lighting Memorial

*Let the Light
of: _____*

*Illuminate the SSPJ Christmas Tree this Christmas season and in my heart.
Remembered by: _____*

Contact#: _____

Amount Paid: Number of Names _____ x \$5.00 per name = Total Enclosed \$ _____

*Please place this form in an envelope with payment and return to Parish center office by: November 27th for
name to be read at Tree lighting ceremony or December 10th to be included in the Christmas bulletin*

Sott'er celo *de* Roma





A Very Special Thank you to our Sponsors

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Sophomore~

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Mark L. Stephen



You're Invited!

Students in Grade 1 and Grade 2
come visit SSPJ School.



Tuesday, November 5, 2019
(ELECTION DAY)

- Students and parents are welcome to join our First and Second Grade students and teachers at 9:15 am mass.
- After mass join us for a tour of the school and find out all about the great programs and the wonderful activities SSPJ School has to offer.
- Students will have the opportunity to visit the classrooms to make a special project and parents will have the opportunity to find out more information about SSPJ School.

RSVP at 631-584-7896 or danderson@sspjschool.net

Looking forward to your visit!



RE⁺IGIOUS EDUCA⁺TION

3rd Grade Mass~
Sunday, November 3rd
10:00am

On Veterans Day,
Monday, November 11th

Religious Education Classes are
cancelled.



Prayer of the month for November

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those
who trespass against us
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil, Amen.



SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION: For GRADES: 1, 2, & 3

THIS REFLECTION IS TO BE SHARED AT MASS ON:
SATURDAY, OR SUNDAY, November 9th or November 10th



Sunday, November 3rd , 2019

Welcome to the Thirty-first Sunday In Ordinary Time

The Gospel of : Luke: 19:1-10

My Name Is: _____

I Am In Grade: _____

My Catechist "Teacher's" Name Is: _____

Gospel Message:

Jesus stays at the home of Zacchaeus, a tax collector. In those days, tax collectors were considered sinners because they collected more tax than was owed.

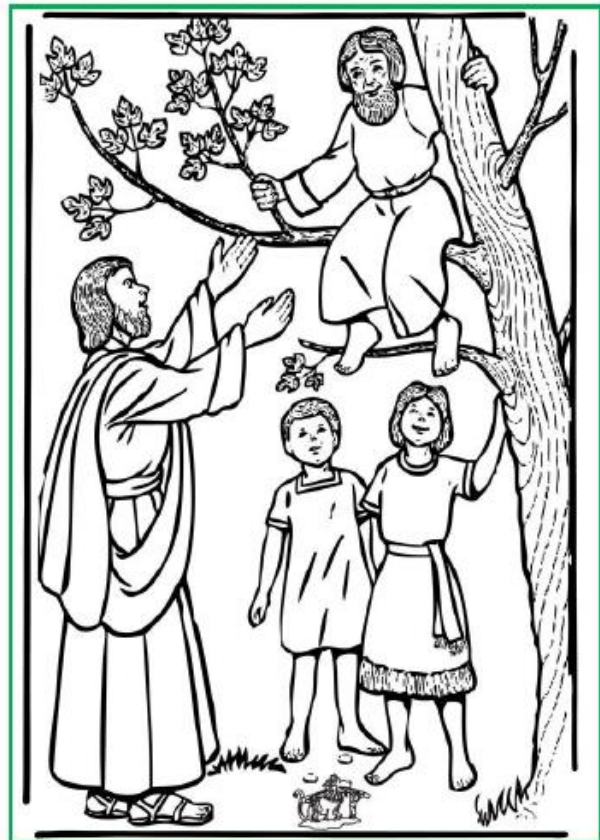
When we break a rule or hurt someone's feelings,
what should we do?

What if we repeat that same hurt again? Who
could we ask for help from to correct our
behavior?

In today's gospel reading, Zacchaeus, the tax collector doesn't say he is sorry for his sinful actions, but instead, promises Jesus that he will change his behavior.

Why do you think Zacchaeus changed his
behavior?

Please Color



My Weekly Prayer:

Dear Jesus,

When my actions may hurt another, please encourage me to say "I'm sorry, and to not repeat that same behavior.

I love you Jesus.

Amen



SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION: For GRADES: 4,5 & 6
THIS REFLECTION IS TO BE SHARED AT MASS ON:
SATURDAY OR SUNDAY, November 9th or 10th



Welcome to the Thirty-first Sunday In Ordinary Time ~
Sunday, November 3rd, 2019

My Name Is: _____
I Am In Grade: _____
My Catechist Name Is: _____

Gospel Message: The Gospel of Luke 19:1-10

Jesus stays at the home of Zacchaeus, a tax collector. In those days, tax collectors were considered sinners because they charged and collected more tax than was owed.

Why do you think Zacchaeus, the tax collector was seeking to see Jesus when he arrived in the town called Jericho?

What did Zacchaeus do to make sure he could see Jesus?

Why do you think Jesus would sit at the table with Zacchaeus, the tax collector?



My Prayer for the week:

Dear Jesus, the story of Zacchaeus reminds us to always seek forgiveness when we choose hurtful actions, please remind us to say "I'm sorry" and also to seek your forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Amen



SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION: For GRADES: 7 & 8 Confirmation I & II
THIS REFLECTION IS TO BE SHARED AT MASS ON:
SATURDAY or SUNDAY November 2nd & 3rd, 2019



Welcome to the 31st Sunday In Ordinary Time ~

November 3rd, 2019

Mass Readings: Wisdom 11:22-12:2, Psalm 14:5, 2Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 Luke 19:1-10

Student's Name : _____

I Am In Grade: _____

My Catechist Name Is: _____

Gospel Summary: Luke: 19:1-10

In Jesus' day, tax collectors were not popular people. They were collaborators with the Romans and were despised by many Jewish people. The tax system allowed them to charge more than what was required so that they could make a profit for themselves. Thus, they were considered sinners by their countrymen. Observers in the crowd that day grumble because Jesus dines with a sinner. Throughout Scripture, Jesus' choice of dinner companions set him apart from other observant Jews of his time. In first century Jewish culture, to dine together was to show a bond of fellowship and peace among those at the table. Observant Jews did not generally dine with foreigners and sinners. Yet, Jesus chooses to honor the tax collector, Zacchaeus, by staying at his house.

Even before Jesus comes to his home, Zacchaeus shows himself to be someone in search of salvation. Zacchaeus, described as short in stature, climbs a tree in order to see Jesus. We know from Luke's description that Zacchaeus was no ordinary tax collector; he was, in fact, the chief tax collector and a person of some wealth. In his search for salvation, he humbled himself by making a spectacle of himself by climbing a tree.

Jesus recognizes the faith of this tax collector exhibited in his search for salvation and calls him down from the tree. In the hospitality he extends to Jesus and in his conversion of heart, Zacchaeus is raised up by Jesus as a model of salvation.



In today's gospel Jesus offered Zacchaeus a second chance, has a second chance ever been offered to you in an effort to set you on the right path? If so, please explain.

Through which Sacrament does God offer us forgiveness?

***Have you managed to say you are sorry to someone, and not repeat the hurtful behavior again?
Please explain.***

HOLIDAY VISIT TO CALVERTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

DATE: Wednesday, December 10, 2019

ARRIVAL AT CALVERTON: 9:45 A.M.
DEPARTURE FROM CALVERTON: 2:00 P.M.

BUS PICK-UP TIMES AND LOCATIONS:
(BUS WILL MAKE STOPS AT BOTH LOCATIONS ON RETURN TRIP)

8:00 a.m. THE BRANCH FUNERAL HOME
190 East Main Street
Smithtown, New York 11787

8:15 a.m. SMITHTOWN SENIOR CENTER
420 Middle Country Road
Smithtown, New York 11787

YOU MUST CALL (631) 724-9500 - THE BRANCH FUNERAL HOME TO
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FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, YOU MAY CALL THE ABOVE NUMBER TO
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ALONG WITH PIZZA ON THE WAY BACK.
THE BUS HAS A LAVATORY.

The Branch Funeral Home

"Coping With the Holidays After The Loss of a Loved One"

Date November 16, 2019

Place The Branch Funeral Home
190 East Main Street
Smithtown, New York

Time 10:30 am to 12 Noon
Facilitated by Eileen McCormick LMHC
Bereavement Specialist

Please call 631-724-9500 to reserve a seat.

OPEN HOUSE JOB FAIRS

**CATHOLIC
CHARITIES**
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Thursday, November 7, 2019
At our Virdone Residence
27 North Carll Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702
Call 516.733.7000 to schedule an interview
Walk-ins Welcome!

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ELMONT, MANHASSET & VALLEY STREAM

- OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE FULL AND PART-TIME, EVENING, AWAKE OVERNIGHT,
WEEKEND, AND FLEXIBLE ON-CALL HOURS

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Sts. Philip and James School

Apostles of Hope

October 2019

Nursery A

Isabella Bo is an Apostle of Hope. Isabella is a wonderful friend to all of her classmates. She is a great listener and plays nicely with others. Isabella's compassionate heart and loving nature makes her a wonderful disciple of Jesus.

Nursery B

Skylar Schmettan is an Apostle of Hope. Skylar acts through God's love by always helping her friends in need. She is always the first one to help clean up in the classroom and help her teacher out. She comes to school with a big smile on her face and is always eager to learn.

Pre-Kindergarten

Emma Derkacz is an Apostle of Hope. Emma is always thinking of others. She is an amazing friend to her peers and helps them whenever she can. Just recently, Emma spent her time at home making special paper for her friends to draw pictures on. She is very considerate and kind.

Brock Murphy is an Apostle of Hope. Brock is such a hard worker and is always respectful to everyone around him. Brock makes sure he is listening and following directions and he helps his peers stay on task as well. He is a very sweet boy and always ready to learn.

Mackenzie Stevenson is an Apostle of Hope. Mackenzie always works hard and always tries her best. She is also very considerate and helpful. Mackenzie is always ready to listen and learn and make sure everybody has what they need. She is always asking the teachers if they need help with anything and can't wait to help out.

Kindergarten

Liam Kollmer is an Apostle of Hope. Liam works hard and always tries his best. He is a good friend to his classmates and helps others without being asked. He helps his friends find the page in their workbooks so they are ready for their learning.

Stephanie Osorio is an Apostle of Hope. Stephanie works hard and always tries her best. She sets a wonderful example for her friends on the carpet when it is time for learning. She is reverent during morning and afternoon prayers and does what Jesus would do.

First Grade

Olivia Matera is an Apostle of Hope. Olivia is a good friend to her classmates and she is always working hard. Olivia seeks different ways to help her teacher and her classmates. Olivia participates in class everyday, and she is an active member of the American Sign Language Club and SSPJ Primary Cheer club.

Nicholas Puglia is an Apostle of Hope. Nicky always tries his best and loves to model to his classmates how to be a good listener. Nicky recently celebrated his birthday and asked his friends to donate dog food, toys, and bedding to the Vet dogs instead of receiving gifts. Nicholas is a wonderful follower of Jesus.

Second Grade

Capri Lisa is an Apostle of Hope. Capri works hard every day to do her best work. She is always willing to help a friend or make a friend smile. Capri treats others the way Jesus would. She is a good example to all!

Third Grade

James Sanbichler is an Apostle of Hope. James always completes his work and tries his best. Recently James cashed in his water bottles and made it possible for us to obtain a class pet. James is an outstanding student and a pleasure to have in class. He is truly an Apostle of Hope.

Fourth Grade

Chrys Kenton is an Apostle of Hope. Chrys comes to school each day eager to learn. He is kind and compassionate to others. Chrys is a hard-working student who is a wonderful role model for his peers. Great Job Chrys!



Fourth Grade (continued)

Sarah Cullen is an Apostle of Hope. Sarah shows gentleness, kindness and patience with her classmates. Sarah is responsible and hard-working. She puts great effort into studying and completing her assignments. Great Job Sarah!

Fifth Grade

Kailey Ryan is an Apostle of Hope. Kailey always says "yes my lord." She is very helpful to all of her teachers and classmates. Kailey turns in her weekly reflections and she actively participates in Mass, as well as in the classroom.

Ryan Tobin is an Apostle of Hope. Ryan always comes to school prepared and ready to learn. He is a kind friend and a respectful student. Ryan turns in his weekly reflections and is an SSPJ altar server.

Gianna Tomasino is an Apostle of Hope. Gianna is a friend to all in the classroom and helpful to her teachers. She is a model student, always prepared for her classes and actively participates in class and at Mass.

Sixth Grade

Marco Grimaldi is an Apostle of Hope. Marco sets a good example in grade 6 by always making good choices. He is helpful and kind to those around him and always has a kind word to say. Marco does his weekly reflections and participates in the SSPJ school choir.

Seventh Grade

Elyse Wos is an Apostle of Hope. Elyse actively uses the voice God has given her to spread wisdom, kindness, and laughter inside the classroom. She can always be found with a book in her hand or with her hand raised to participate. Her devotion to learning is admirable; she is bright beyond her years. Elyse's patience and grace helps to instill a positive and welcoming learning environment for herself, her peers, and her teachers.

Eighth Grade

Torrey Miller is an Apostle of Hope. Torrey is an altar server and has been a student lector. She is a great role model for the 2nd grade class that she monitors. Torrey has helped a new student in class feel welcomed. In addition to her kind heart, Torrey always tries to improve her academic skills by attending extra help sessions. She is also a member of the stained glass club.

Faculty

Brian Frey is an Apostle of Hope. Mr. Frey is always willing to lend a helping hand whenever help is needed. He constantly comes up with new and creative activities to help promote good sportsmanship.

SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of November 3rd, 2019

Sunday, November 3rd, 2019

8:30am RCIA Cantina
 10:00am Children's Liturgy Auditorium
 10:00am **REO Third Grade Mass** Church
 11:00am Stained Glass Club Stained Glass Wksp
 7:00pm AA Meeting Philip & James Room

Monday, November 4th, 2019:

1:00pm **Rosary Makers** SSPJ Room
 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting Auditorium
 7:00pm Men's Forum Holy Hour Church

Tuesday, November 5th, 2019:

1:30pm Spirit of Prayer Ministry Meeting Church Prayer Rm
 4:00pm Children's Choir Church
 4:40pm DRVC Adult Formation Philip & James Rm
 5:45pm **REO 6th Grade Church Tour** Church
 7:30pm Chords of Faith Church
 7:30pm **KOC Officers Meeting** Philip & James

Wednesday, November 6th, 2019:

7:00pm Youth Ministry Meeting Bethany Center

Thursday, November 7th, 2019

2:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church
 6:45pm Hand Bells Church
 7:00pm Boy Scout Leadership Mtg Monte Building
 7:30pm Adult Choir Choir Loft
 7:30pm **Pre-Baptism Class** Philip & James Rm

Friday, November 8th, 2019

3:00pm School Stained Glass Club Stain Glass Wksp
 7:00pm AA Meeting Philip & James Room
 7:00pm **Pre-Cana** Auditorium
 7:00pm **Wash Kit Gang** School Room Grade 3
 8:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church

Saturday, November 9th, 2019

8:30am **Pre-Cana Weekend** Auditorium
 11:00am **Ministry Gathering** Church
 5:00pm **Respect Life Card Sale** School Lobby

Sunday, November 10th, 2019:

8:00am **Respect Life Christmas Card Sale** School Lobby
 8:30am RCIA Sessions SSPJ Room
 8:30am **Pre Cana Weekend** Auditorium
 7:00pm AA Meeting Sts. Philip & James Room

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019

SPEAKER: Mr. Robert Formich, Senior Assistant District Attorney, Nassau County, NY,
 Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Hicksville, NY

TOPIC: "The Apostolate of Friendship"

What does friendship have to do with the call to holiness? God becoming a true man in Jesus Christ has made friendship with God possible for us. Jesus called his disciples his friends before he died (John 15:15), and much of our spiritual life involves acts between friends: prayer is conversation between friends, communion is friends sharing life together, Jesus' great sacrifice for us and our little sacrifices for him are the things friends do out of love of one another (John 15:13-14). Does your friendship with Jesus flow into your friendships with others? Have you the courage to share your faith in Jesus with your friends? How can you effectively witness the Gospel to your friends? Our speaker Mr. Formich will answer these kinds of questions when he explains the important role of friendship in the life of an ordinary Christian. As much as a man wants to have true friends, he should want to be a true friend, which is to say, he should want to be as good a friend as Jesus. Please join us Monday evening.

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

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Mass Intentions, For the week of November 3rd, 2019

Saturday November 2nd, 2019~All Souls Day

5:00pm Joseph Creedon

Sunday, November 3rd, 2019

8:00am For the Parishioners of SSPJ

10:00am Anna Garvey

12:00Noon Collective Mass:

Eugene R. Reynolds

Mario Mignone

Gregory Diaz

John Capizzo

Margaret Bocskor

Thursday, November 7th, 2019

7:30am All Souls Novena

9:15am Collective Mass

Jane Foerster

Friday, November 8th, 2019

7:30am All Souls Novena

9:15am Mary D'Andrea

Monday, November 4th, 2019~St. Charles Borromeo

7:30am All Souls Novena

9:15am Maria Gonzalez

Saturday, November 9th, 2019

9:15am All Souls Novena

5:00pm Ignatious Griffio

Tuesday, November 5th, 2019

7:30am All Souls Novena

9:15am Paul T. Kirdahy

Sunday, November 10th, 2019

8:00am All Souls Novena

10:00am Paul Kirdahy

12:00Noon Collective Mass:

Anne Voughn

Barbara Harkins

Dr. Philip Mantia

John Capizzio

Michael Yenick

Dorothy Becker

Wednesday, November 6th, 2019

7:30am All Souls Novena

9:15am Raymond Moyer, Jr.

The Altar Candles

**For the Week of
November 3rd, 2019**

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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

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Andrew Krauer
Angela Amoroso
Angelo Peluso
Anthony A
Antoinette Rotolo
Anna Capizzio
Baby Adeline
Baby Kennedy
Baby Mattia Rose Lubrano
Brian R.
Bob Keenan,
Charles Morgan
Donalea Donach & Peter
Elinor Glasser
Gregory Parker
Gwen Dilgen
Helen McDowell
Ian Dowling
Jeanine Esposito-Tansey
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Vicki Archdeacon-Gibb,
Vivien Cordes,
Zachary Esposito-Tansey

We Remember

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

Ryan Michael Jack Birbiglia

**"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of the faithful
departed through the mercy of God rest in peace."**

Amen

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PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR November 9th & 10th, 2019

Saturday, November 9, 2019 5:00pm	Sunday, November 10, 2019 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, November 10, 2019 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, November 10, 2019 12:00 MASS
Father Tom Haggerty	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Patrick Osei-Poku

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE -FOR November 9th & 10th, 2019

Saturday, November 9, 2019	Sunday, November 10, 2019	Sunday, November 10, 2019	Sunday, November 10, 2019
5:00PM	8:00 AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
D. Coppola	J. Harvey	C. Napolitano	C. Rubano
M. Fox	P. Kanuika	H. Orlando	V. Rubano
E. Kaleita	M. Kenney	W. Rodriguez	B. Chandler
P. Kaleita	P. Martin	P. Schifilliti	T. Laiz
H. Keenan	V. Portanova	J. Scott	M. Lebrun
P. Klee	W. Ramos	L. Sisti	J. Linder
G. Priebe	K. Rapp	E. Sotomayer	M. Napoli
L. Taurassi	E. Sica	J. Sweeney	T. Pace
D. Toto	T. Sica	J. Tafrá	A. Santo
P. Agoglia	W. VanGostein	M. Tully	M. Hoonhout

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

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE -FOR November 9th & 10th, 2019

Saturday, November 9, 2019	Sunday, November 10, 2019	Sunday, November 10, 2019	Sunday, November 10, 2019
5:00PM MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
C. Williams	C. Morbillo	J. Prew	A. Peykar
T. Miller	G. Morbillo	A. Kaiser	J. Peykar
M. Papas	M. Page	M. Stephen	A. Miloscia
E. Schor	A. Willman	S. Stephen	M. Miloscia

LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR November 9th & 10th, 2019

Saturday, November 9, 2019	Sunday, November 10, 2019	Sunday, November 10, 2019	Sunday, November 10, 2019
5:00PM MASS	8:00 AM MASS	10:00AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
L. Halluska	G. Fitzpatrick	L. Just	G. Hoonhout
8th Grade Student	L. Willman	R. Donegan	A. Latino

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Beyond Black and White

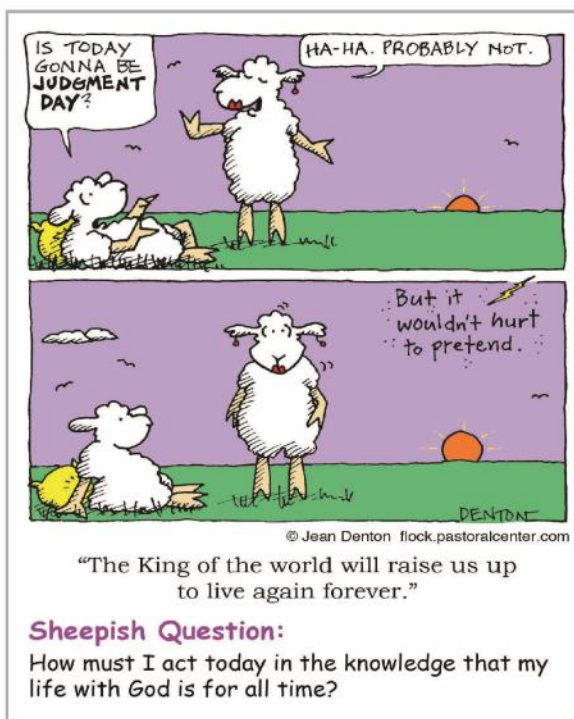
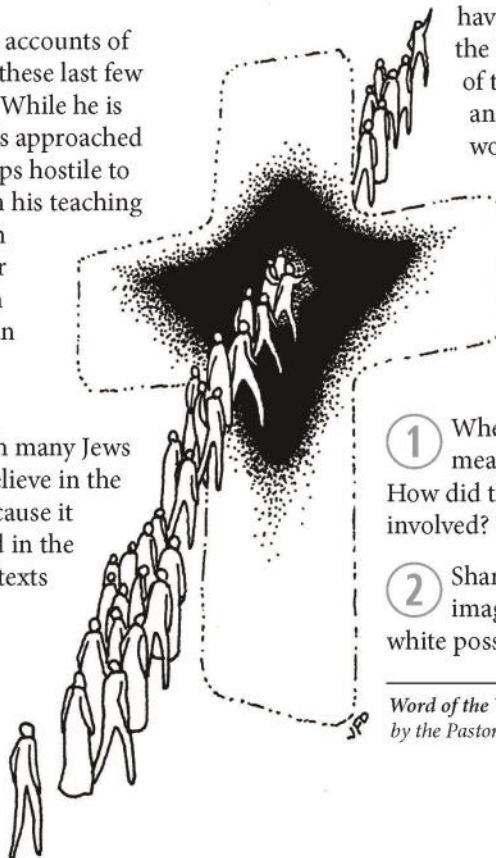
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14 - Martyrdom of a mother and her sons
- ▶ 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 - The gospel versus empty fables
- ▶ Luke 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38 - The resurrection of the dead

The first reading and the Gospel reading both address questions of the resurrection of the dead. Although Christians now take belief in resurrection for granted as fundamental to our faith, that belief wasn't the norm for all Jews in Jesus' time. The passage from 2 Maccabees concerning the seven brothers who willingly face torture and death with the hope of resurrection is one of the few references to pre-Christian belief in the concept. Written within about 200 years of Jesus' birth, it portrayed a new and emerging idea which had not yet taken hold among all of Jesus' contemporaries. Some people, like the Sadducees, still flatly denied the possibility, as shown in the Gospel reading.

We have been following the accounts of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem these last few weeks. Now he has arrived. While he is teaching in the Temple, he is approached successively by several groups hostile to him. They try to trap him in his teaching with the hopes that they can have him arrested, either for openly contradicting Jewish laws or for criticizing Roman rule.

The Sadducees, this week's opponents, were in line with many Jews of Jesus' day who did not believe in the resurrection of the dead because it was never clearly referenced in the Torah (the most important texts and set of laws for Jews). They pose a seemingly impossible scenario that has no easy answer for the expert philosophers, lawyers, and educated Jewish class of the time.



As usual, Jesus offers a “third way” answer; refusing an either/or response. His listeners would have expected him to either side with the Pharisees (who accepted resurrection of the dead) or with the Sadducees. His answer opens up the idea of a whole new world where producing offspring to keep one's identity alive isn't a central reason for marriage. In his response, he suggests that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are still alive in some mysterious way.

Questions of the Week

- 1 When have you witnessed a good and well-meaning person being trapped or framed? How did that person handle it? Did you get involved? Why or why not?
- 2 Share about a time when you had your imagination widened beyond a black or white possibility.

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The Frustrating Struggle for Humility


It's hard to be humble, not because we don't have more than enough deficiencies to merit humility, but rather because there's a crafty mechanism inside of us that normally doesn't let us go to the place of humility. Simply put, as we try to be self-effacing, humble, and non-hypocritical, variably we take pride in that and then, feeling smug about it, we become judgmental of others.

Jesus gave us a wonderful parable on this but mostly we miss its lesson. We're all familiar with the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican. Jesus tells the story of two men standing before God in prayer. The first man, a devout Pharisee, is a man who took the pursuit of virtue seriously and he thanks God that he's devout and moral and also thanks God that he's not as amoral as the Publican who is in the temple with him. The second man, a Publican, recognizes (honestly and without any rationalization) that he is amoral, that he is a sinner, and, within that recognition, humbly asks God to forgive him for his weaknesses. We know how Jesus assessed the two men. The Pharisee didn't really pray while the Publican did. Moreover the parable highlights the internal blindness of the Pharisee in a way that's impossible not to see. Everyone hearing this story cannot help but see his lack of humility.

What's challenging however is to examine our own reaction to the story. We instantly see the difference between false pride and genuine humility. We see how arrogant it is for the Pharisee to say: "Thank God, I am not like that man!" But, but then, I would venture to guess that 98% of us hearing that story spontaneously nurse this feeling: "*Thank God, I'm not like that Pharisee!*" And, in doing that, we are him! Exactly like him, we're brimming over with our own sense of virtue and, because of that, begin judging others. Our prayer is in fact usually the opposite of the Publican's prayer. We are not praying out of our own sinfulness, but rather praying: "I thank you, God, that I'm not as blind to self and as judgmental as so many other people are!" It's hard to be the Publican. Our very virtue and humility invariably coil back upon themselves and make us proud and judgmental.

What's the answer? How do we break the vicious circle? There's only one way and the Publican shows us that way. How? He prays out of his own sinfulness, for real. He's a sinner and he honestly admits it. For our part, when we speak of ourselves as sinners mostly we don't really mean it! We admit that we have our weaknesses and that sometimes we do sin, but then, like the Pharisee, we're immediately thankful that we don't have the weaknesses and sins of others. Mostly we think this way: "Admittedly, I have my faults, but at least I'm not as ignorant and self-serving as that colleague of mine!" "For all of my shortcomings, I still thank God that I'm not as narcissistic as my boss!" "I may not have much religious faith, but at least I'm not as hypocritical as so many of those church people!" "I may be a bit of a mess, but thank God I don't have Jack's faults!" Pride is forever sneaking around our defenses and keeping genuine humility at bay.

But there's one instance when it can't do that and that is when we are genuinely acknowledging our own sinfulness. When we are truly standing inside of our own sinfulness, like the Publican, then we judge no one – not even our own selves. As a Roman Catholic priest who has been hearing confessions for some 47 years, I can say without hesitation that people are at their very best when they are honestly confessing their own shortcomings. When we are genuinely standing inside the recognition of our own sin, we judge no one. In that space we never think: "Thank God, I don't have Jack's faults!" We know that our own suffice. Our prayer then becomes honest and, according to Jesus, it's then that it's heard in heaven. And it's precisely our sinfulness that we must existentially recognize and stand within. Our other weaknesses, our congenital and personal inadequacies, can be helpful in making us humble, but, since we aren't personally or morally responsible for them, recognizing them doesn't do the same thing for us as does recognizing our own sinfulness. We aren't responsible for physical or psychological DNA. We aren't responsible for our ethnicity or color. We aren't responsible for the kind of family, neighborhood, and culture we were raised in. And we aren't responsible for what happened to us in the playpen and on the playground when we were little. Yet all of these deeply impact both our weaknesses and our strengths. But since we aren't responsible for these, ultimately we don't have to be humble about them. But we do have to be humble about our own sin.



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