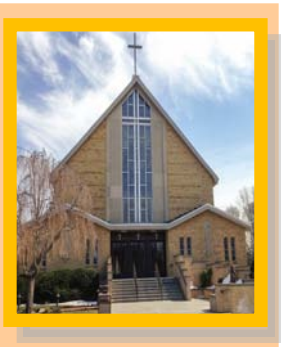


The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 18, 2017

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever" John 6:51

"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

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

Parish Center Office Hours: Monday to Thursday, 9 am to 8 pm
Friday: 9am-5pm Saturday: 10 am – 2pm Sunday: 10am-2pm
Phone: 631-584-5454 Fax: 631-862-9675

Pastoral Team

Father Tom Haggerty	Pastor
Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Associate Pastor
Deacon Ronald Blasius	Deacon
Deacon John Keenan	Deacon
Deacon Ken Maher	Deacon
Margaret Adams	Director of Music
Elizabeth Wittish, OFS	Director of Parish Social Ministry
Virginia Portanova	Business Manager
John Cordes	Director of Facilities
Charlotte Czujko	Religious Education Coordinator Grades1-2
Barbara Luna	Religious Education Coordinator Grades 3-6
Dominick Avento	Religious Education Coordinator Grades 7-8
Suzanne Fitzgibbon	Religious Education Administrator
Frank Brancaccio	Youth Minister
Elizabeth Calvano	Director Camp SSPJ

Pastoral Council & Trustees

Rita Byrne, Claire DiCarlo, Chris Donnelly, Ryan Doyle, Richard Frazita, Lou Guerra, Cynthia Lombardi, Martin Marut, Ann Mondrone, Mary Ann Pose, Noel Rannazzisi, Tom Sica, Robert Thompson

Trustees

Jerry Linder * Tina Cafaro

SSPJ School—Principal Ruth E. Testa

School Phone : 631-584-7896 School Fax: 631-584-3258

Sacraments

Baptism– *Celebrated twice per month. Parents are asked to register at the Pastoral Center for Pre-Baptism Program.*
Marriage-*Couples are asked to contact the Pastoral Center before visiting the reception hall. The Marriage Preparation process is nine months before your proposed wedding date.*
Confirmation-*Seventh and Eighth grade students are prepared to celebrate through Religious Ed or SSPJ School. Adults prepare through 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*

Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

We know Moses led the Israelites out of slavery through the desert. Today's first reading has him speaking to them years later. Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP, says:

It is 40 years later and the desert travelers have been through a lot together. Now they are a community. How did that happen? They suffered together and were tested all along the way. For those 40 years they would have had to work together if they were to survive. As a result they had come to know, through their common struggle, one another and their God. How did that happen? Moses reminds them of the mighty and constant deeds God performed on their behalf. So, it's clear that when Moses addresses "you" he is not speaking to just one person, but to a newly formed community. They never would have been able to survive, or been formed into a people, had it not been for God's constant help. As they are about to enter the Promised Land, Moses wants them to remember what God has done to form them into a community of believers....

We, a community formed by God's liberating Word, and nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ, must do the same to the stranger and the outsider – it is what God has done for us and is a way to "remember" and show our gratitude. We, the people also blessed by God, join our ancestors who ate manna in the desert and proclaim with them, "Praise the Lord, Jerusalem."

Today, we as community celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. As we consume the consecrated host and the consecrated wine, let us pray with Anne Osdieck's words:

Jesus, you pitched your tent among us
and for a wonderful time you walked among us.

When it was time to go you did not leave us orphans, but instead, in a different way,
as our bread and wine, our essential food and drink you stayed!

Make us your eyes, your ears, your heart. Let us bring your love to everyone.

Happy Father's Day! Today it is our joy to remember you with gratitude and to pray that you might continue to be instruments in God's hands as you pass on the Spirit's gifts of wisdom, understanding and knowledge to your children, grandchildren and godchildren.

And...*A couple go for a meal at a Chinese restaurant, and order the 'Chicken Surprise'.*

The waiter brings the meal, served in a lidded cast iron pot. Just as the wife is about to serve herself, the lid of the pot rises slightly and she briefly sees two beady little eyes looking around, before the lid slams back down.

'Good grief, did you see that?' she asks her husband. He hadn't, so she asks him to look in the pot. He reaches for it and again the lid rises and he sees two little eyes, looking around before it slams down. Rather perturbed, he calls the waiter over, explains what is happening, and demands an explanation.

' Please sir,' says the waiter, 'what did you order?'

The husband replies ,'Chicken Surprise'.

' Oh! So sorry,' says the waiter, 'I brought you Peeking Duck by mistake'.....

Peace, Father Tom

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

CMA UPDATE!!!!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

WE HAVE MET OUR CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL GOAL!!!

The Catholic Ministries Appeal provides funding for important programs, services, and ministries that strengthen our entire Church.
With great thanks for your support, dedication and generosity, we have surpassed our parish **goal of $122,500, with total pledges to date of $123,578.!**
We would like to thank the **375 parishioners who have responded** to this years CMA Appeal.
Through a 20% Parish Rebate, our parish will receive a parish rebate of $24, 500.!
Visit: www.DRVC.org - Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish Social Ministry

Jesus said to his disciples:
"You are the salt of the earth…You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house.
Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." MT 5:13-16

The Light of Christ shines brightly in each of us.
Parish Social Ministry offers many volunteer opportunities to let your Christ-Light shine.

Is one of the following Ministries the place God is calling you?

Blood Drive
Consolation Ministry: (Companions, Lectors, EM's, and Cake-bakers)
Food Pantry
Home Visitation Ministry
Moms & Tots Group
Office (Core) Volunteers
Our Lady's Rosary Makers
Peace, Justice & Care of Creation Ministry
Pick-A-Star (Christmas) Ministry
Ministry of Prayer
Prayer Shawl Ministry:Those who knit or crochet
Prison Ministry
Thanksgiving Food Drive volunteers
Transportation Ministry (Mass & Doctor visits)

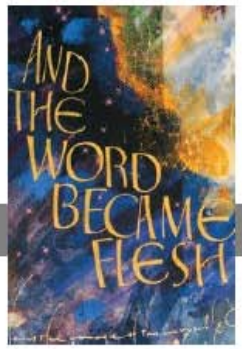
For information about these opportunities to serve, please contact Elizabeth Wittish, OFS at the Parish Center : 584-5454.

Fortnight for Freedom 2017
Freedom for Mission
June 21 – July 4

Catholics for Freedom of Religion
Preserving Religious Liberty For All

OPENING OF 2017 FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM

The Joy of the Gospel
Visio Divina – Seeing the Word
Meditation, illuminations, scripture and Benediction in thanksgiving for God's Word



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

6:00pm - Preview of St. John's Bible
7:00pm - Visio Divina - Seeing the Word

St. Bernard's Church 3100 Hempstead Tpke Levittown 11756

Organized by the St. Bernard's Chapter of Catholics for Freedom of Religion

MASS CELEBRATING THE 2017 FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM: FREEDOM FOR MISSION

Bishop Robert J. Brennan - Celebrant

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 12:30PM

St. Agnes Cathedral 29 Quealy Place Rockville Centre 11570

ROSARY & RALLY FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Bishop John O. Barres - Keynote Speaker

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

6:00pm - Public Witness Rosary in front of auditorium facing Newbridge Rd.
7:00pm - Fortnight Rally for Religious Freedom in auditorium *Light refreshments served following program*

Holy Trinity High School 98 Cherry Lane Hicksville 11801

SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of June 18th, 2017

Sunday, June 18th, 2017 Father's Day

7:45am	Guild Car Raffle Sale	School Lobby/Outside
10:00am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Church
1:00pm	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Rm
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Monte Building

Monday , June 19th, 2017

6:30pm	Men's Forum	Church
6:30pm	Youth Leader Training	Cantina
7:00pm	Boy Scout Troup 7 Meeting	Auditorium

Tuesday, June 20th, 2017:

1:30pm	Spirit of Love Prayer Group	Prayer Rm in Church
7:00pm	Catholic Daughter's Meeting	Auditorium
7:30pm	Boy Scout Leadership Meeting	Monte Building

Wednesday, June 21st, 2017:

7:00pm	Youth Ministry	Philip & James Room

Thursday, June 22nd, 2017:

2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church

Friday, June 23rd, 2017:

7:00pm	AA Meeting	Monte Building
8:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church

Saturday, June 24th, 2017:

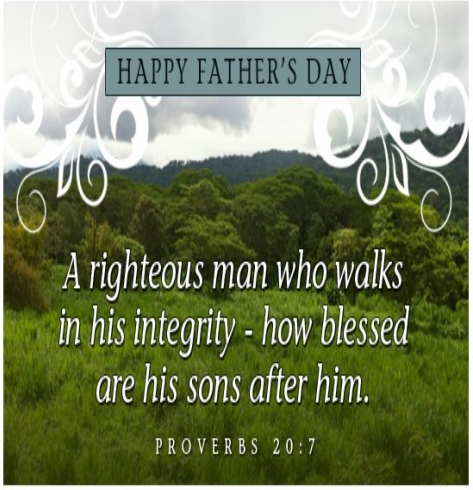
10:00am	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Wkshop
4:45pm	Guild Car Raffle Sales	School Lobby/Outside Church

Weekly Collection:

Sunday, June 11th, 2017

Sunday Collection: $14,071.
Faith Direct: $3,823.
Children's Jug: $ 40.
Basilica Collection: $2,246.
Total Collection: $20,180.

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



Banns of Marriage

First
Daniel Darrow –SSPJ
To
Allison Stephens

First
Vincent Taurassi-SSPJ
To
Lorraine Touchette
Our Lady of the Lake, MA

Second
Theodore Wojcik -SSPJ
To
Lisa Sorrentino -SSPJ

Second
Jonathan Joseph Imbriana - Infant Jesus, PJ
To
Erica Lyn n Tremano -SSPJ

Third
Ryan McNamara -St. Patricks-Smithtown
To
Julia Krukowski -SSPJ

There will be a Second Collection Next Weekend:

June 24th & June 25th, 2017

To help defray the cost of Summer Air Conditioning

Your understanding and generosity are always greatly appreciated.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Please join us for the Catholic Daughters Court Anna Theresa #1074

Garage Sale

Saturday June 24th 9AM ~3PM,

279 Grant Ave, St. James(off of Railroad Avenue)

Proceeds to benefit Catholic Daughters Charities

FAITH DIRECT®

inspiring secure giving®

For all of our Parishioners who utilize Faith Direct to make their contributions to SSPJ, three additional categories have been added to the Faith Direct contributory list:

Snow Removal, Air Conditioning, Heating Costs

If you wish to help defray these costs, you can make changes in your giving through Faith Direct by:

- Logging into your account online via **www.faithdirect.net**
- Calling *Faith Direct* customer service toll-free at 866-507-8757
- Emailing *Faith Direct* at info@faithdirect.net
- Chatting with a *Faith Direct* customer service representative online at www.faithdirect.net
- Link into *Faith Direct* via our website **sspj.org**

For anyone who is interested in registering with Faith Direct, you can use the phone number listed above or log into Faith Direct from our own website: sspj.org

Creating a Faith Direct account is simple. You can enroll online or by mail, so you can give to your church in a way that works best for you.

Give to any collection offered by your church; choose your credit/debit card or a bank account for payment. Schedule monthly recurring gifts or make a one-time gift at any time.

User-friendly online system lets you manage all aspects of your account so you are always in control of your donations

And, as always, thank you for your support, as Apostles of Hope, to SSPJ!

Religious Education Department is now Offering ON-LINE REGISTRATION!!!

The Religious Education Office is accepting on-line Registration. Please visit the Parish website at: **www. sspj.org** and follow the instructions to enroll your child/children into our Religious Education Program for the 2017-2018 school year.

You may register on-line or print the form and return it to the Religious Education Office.

The deadline for registration is June 30th, 2017.

Any family, who is registering a

♦ FIRST GRADER

♦ A CHILD NEW TO OUR PARISH

MUST REGISTER IN PERSON AT THE PARISH CENTER .

If your child was not baptized at SSPJ, it will be necessary for you to submit a copy of your child's baptism certificate.

Also, please provide any previous religious education transcripts if your child has attended Religious Education in another parish.

Growing Together in Faith

The fees for registration are:

$160.00 for one child

$210.00 for two children

$250.00 for three or more children.

Catechist family fee is $100.00.

Religious Education

Would You Please, Prayerfully, Consider Becoming a Catechist?

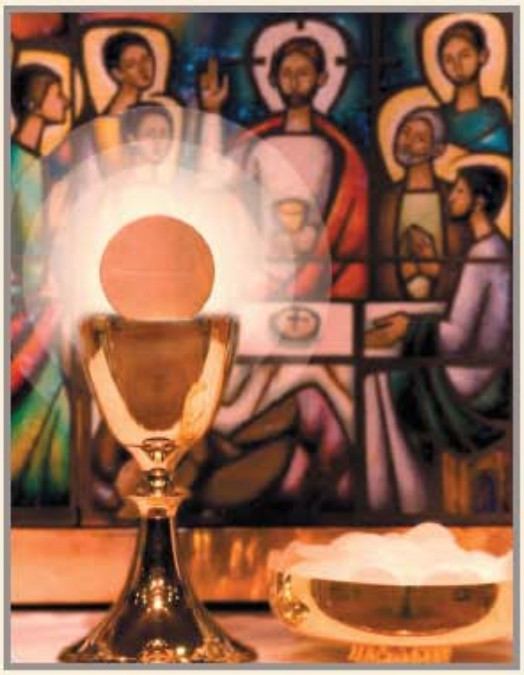
Catechist are needed in every grade level. If you are interested, please contact the Religious Education Office at 631-584-3204.

Please note the Religious Education Office's weekly hours are Monday thru Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM . If you have any questions please call the office at 631-584-3204

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, JUNE 19, 2017

Fr. Leo Praveen Lasrado, *visiting priest at SSPJ Church*

Closing Liturgy for the 9th Season of the Men's Forum

As is our custom, we close out the year with a Mass of Thanksgiving for all the wisdom, graces and blessings our good God has shared with us as men called to follow Jesus Christ. The Men's Forum is a brotherhood of Catholic men who are dedicated to growing in our faith and discipleship. We seek to become better men of Christian virtue and witness in our families, friendships, Church, and community. *Please join us!*

LOCATION: Main Church: North Country Rd., Saint James, NY
6:30 PM: Adoration • 7:30 PM: Mass • 8:30 PM: Coffee & Cake

SOME OF THIS PAST SEASON'S SPEAKERS

WE WELCOME ALL MEN TO SHARE IN THIS MISSION.

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.

Real Men, not without Real Struggles. With the Courage to Believe in Today's World.
Our Faith Helps us Face Life's Big Questions. Our Strength is Following Christ Together.

www.sspjmensforum.org

CHURCH of SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES

1 Carow Place • St. James, NY 11780 • 631-584-5454 • www.sspj.org

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

Mass Intentions, For Week of June 18th,2017

Saturday, June 17th, 2017

5:00pm	Peter Joseph Loughlin

Sunday June 18th, 2017

8:00am	Father's Day Novena
10:00am	Father's Day Novena
12:00noon	Father's Day Novena

Monday, June 19th, 2017

7:30am	Father's Day Novena
9:15am	Edward & Anna Ceraso

Tuesday, June 20th, 2017

7:30am	Father's Day Novena
9:15am	Mary A See

Wednesday, June 21st, 2017

7:30am	Father's Day Novena
9:15am	Thomas Kiernan

Thursday, June 22nd, 2017

7:30am	Father's Day Novena
9:15am	Collective Mass:
	Charles Patti
	Jerry Bissert
	Doris Sajiun (Living)

Friday, June 23rd, 2017

7:30am	Father's Day Novena
9:15am	John Salomon

Saturday, June 24th, 2017

9:15am	Father's Day Novena
5:00pm	John Salomon, Jr.

Sunday, June 25th, 2017

8:00am	Father's Day Novena
10:00am	Evelyn M. McGreevy
12:00noon	Collective Mass:
	Kelly Anne Grummer
	Aida Diaz
	Virginia Koop
	Kevin Clark
	Marilyn Ferrera

Keeping You In Our Prayers....

For those who are ill...

John Flemming, Daniel Radice,, Eva Alaimo, Kitty Cronin, Vivien Cordes Raymond Fox, Joe Alberigo, Eileen Zink, Louis Giordano, Grace Giordano, Barbara Bombace ,Ed Burrows, Karl Walz, Richard Wiese, Ed Burrows,Margaret Anderson, Anna Capizzio

Our Bread & Wine
For the Week of June 18th, 2017

To Our Dear Friend,

Mike DiMeglio

Our Love & Prayers are with you always.

Frank & Ann DeStefano

Together, we mourn the passing of,

Steven Calascibetta
Theresa G. O'Leary
John T. Malkasian
Louis E. DeLuca
Malvina Taurisano

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,
SR AIRMAN E4 ALEXANDER PARRELLA
RICHARD SOTOMAYER, USAF
SGT. CONNOR F. SCOTT, USMC
LCPL. DANIEL P. STEELE, USMC
SGT. CORY O'HARA USMC
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CW2 NATASHA WORTMAN
LANCE CORPORAL JAMES T. CASEY, USMC
GREGORY DEVANEY, USMC
SGT. JOSHUA MAHONEY, US ARMY
KEVIN JONES, U.S.C.G.
RICHARD MAIER, U.S.M.C.
PRIVATE JOSHUA OLSEN, USARNG
GLEN CRIMA-U.S. ARMY
PFC. ANTHONY SCIAMETTA
MARIO CATANIA, USMC
RYAN ANTHONY NASCIMENTO, U.S.M.C.

Celebrating the Liturgy- With Grateful Hearts We Serve

PRESIDER SCHEDULE–FOR June 24th & 25th,,2017

Saturday, June 24, 2017 5:00 PM	Sunday, June 25, 2017 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, June 25, 2017 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday June 25, 2017 12:00 MASS
Father Leo Praveen	**Father Leo Praveen**	**Father Tom Haggerty**	**Father Tom Haggerty**
Deacon Ron	**Deacon Ron**	**Deacon John**	**Deacon John**

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE -FOR June 24th& 25th, 2017

Saturday, June 24, 2017	Sunday, June 25, 2017	Sunday, June 25, 2017	Sunday, June 25, 2017
5:00 PM MASS	**8:00 AM MASS**	**10:OO AM MASS**	**12:00 NOON MASS**
E. Kaleita, Jr.	P. Rizzo	A. Henchel	M. Loughlin
P. Kaleita	B. Carey	J. Kirdahy	C. Zito
A. Keenan	R. Fabian	J. Lavan	G. Zito
M. Latino	C. Haff	C. Napolitano	B. Chandler
R. Piazza	W. Haff	N. Rannazzisi	M. Hoonhout
G. Priebe	J. Harvey	W. Rodriguez	M. Lebrun
L. Tepedino	P. Kanuika	M. Spina	J. Linder
D. Toto	M. Kenney	J. Sweeney	M. Napoli
R. Willms	A. Mantia	J. Tafra	T. Pace
A. Dunn	P. Martin	M. Tangel	A. Santo

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE -FOR June 24th & 25th 2017

Saturday, June 24, 2017	Sunday, June 25, 2017	Sunday, June 25, 2017	Sunday, June 25, 2017
5:00PM MASS	**8:00AM MASS**	**10:00 AM MASS**	**12:00 NOON MASS**
P. Bisel	K. Dobkowski	A. Nocera	J. Hoonhout
S. McCalvin	S. Dobkowski	J. Ricupero	N. Hoonhout
C. Williams	K. Illari & T. Illari	J. Schultz	A. Frankenberger
C. D'Agostino	K. Keese	K. Tomasic	A. Peykar
J. Leber	B. Keese	M. Tomasic	D. Sanchez-Ricon

LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR June 24th & 25th,2017

Saturday, June 24, 2017	Sunday, June 25, 2017	Sunday, June 25, 2017	Sunday, June 25, 2017
5:00 PM MASS	**8:00 AM MASS**	**10:00AM MASS**	**12:00 NOON MASS**
D. Quadrino	S. Cavooris	A. Foster	J. Borelli
M. Dreschler	M. D'Amelia	L. Just	A. Latino

SSPJ School Fun Day 2017!!

"Everyone had fun playing, dancing, and picnicking on Funday! We ended the day with ice cream from Mr. Softee!"

Sts. Philip & James

2017 Family Festival

June 22nd – 25th

Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Please consider one of our 2017 Family Festival sponsorship opportunities

Festival Sponsor:

As a Festival Sponsor your name will appear in SSPJ festival promotions as wells as be prominently displayed at the festival. Festival Sponsors will receive 10 Pay-One-Price tickets.

Ride Sponsor:

As a Ride Sponsor your name will be displayed at a ride at the festival. Ride Sponsors will receive 4 Pay-One-Price tickets.

Family Festival Supporter:

As a Family Festival Supporter your name will be displayed on signage along with other supporters. Festival Supporters will receive 2 Pay-One-Price tickets.

Pay-One-Price tickets are good for unlimited rides any one day of the SSPJ Festival.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please email Nancy Paz Greubel at npaz@fpfconstruction.com or call (516) 220-2771

New!

Sponsors & Supporters receive Pay-One-Price coupons as a thank you for your support of the SSPJ Family Festival.

Become a Sponsor

	Price
☐ Festival Sponsor	$1,500
☐ Ride Sponsor	$500
☐ Gold	$200

Please return no later than June 13th.

Name_____

Address_____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Please list our donation as follows:_____

Amount Enclosed:_____

Please make checks payable to: Sts. Philip & James, Family Festival Committee 359 Clinton Avenue, St. James, NY 11780

Discounted POP Pay-One-Price bracelets!!!

Advance sale price is $22 per POP – that's an $8 savings!!

Here's how it works:

1. Each POP Pay-One-Price bracelet is good for unlimited rides any ONE day of the SSPJ Festival.
2. Upon receipt of your payment you will receive a coupon for each pre-sale POP purchased.
3. Stop by the ticket booth any one day of the festival with your coupon to receive a POP bracelet.
4. Sorry, no refunds.

Discount cards are available for purchase at the rectory & school beginning Monday, June 12th thru Wednesday, June 21st.

Any questions, please contact Nancy at (516) 220-2771

Summer, for children, often means more unstructured time and maybe less supervision. Don't fall into the trap of letting social media and the internet become your child's connection for peer interactions. ***Commonsensemedia.org*** *offers suggestions for safe on-line apps for children of all ages and tips for parents concerned about their children's internet use.*

"The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People maintains a confidential phone line: 516-594-9063. We are available to help you or anyone who has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church. All calls are responded to within 24 hours."

common sense for FAMILIES

Are you Ready for The SUMMER????

CAMP SSPJ
ST. JAMES, NY

June 26– August 11, 2017
Monday to Friday, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Each day campers participate in sports, arts & crafts, music, drama, dance, games and community service projects!
We strive to make your child's summer a memorable one filled with tons of faith and fun!
Each week campers also embark on a field trip, which includes: Splish Splash, Adventureland,
the Long Island Children's Museum, the Riverhead Aquarium and more!
Teen Camp goes on two trips per week!

Before Care is available from 7:30-9:00am After Care is available from 4:00-6:00pm
Before & After Care is an additional cost of $8.00 per hour

Register your child before May 1st and receive The Early Bird Discount!
**Family Discount*: $25 one time deduction for each additional child of the
same family for the regular weekly rate only.
Family discount cannot be applied to the Early Bird weekly rate or the Seven Week Special.

Prices below include Friday lunch of pizza, snack and a drink.

	Early Bird Weekly Registration ($30 Discount)	Early Bird 7 Week Special ($350 Discount)	Regular Weekly Rate (After May 1st)	Daily Price (No discounts can be applied)
Grades K-5 →	$270 (Week 2 $205)	$1,680	$300 (Week 2 $230)	$75
Teen Camp Grades 6-9 →	$310 (Week 2 $245)	$1,960	$340 (Week 2 $260)	$90

*Week 2 is a three-day week in observance of July 4th.
**Tuition must be paid in full prior to your child's first day of camp. **

SSPJ VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Vacation Bible Camp
July 24th – August 4, 2017
9:30am – 12:30pm

Ages 4-7 years old.
$125 for the two-week session

One week of VBC is available at a cost of $100.
*Family Discount: $25 deduction for each for a 2nd or 3rd child of the same family.
This only applies for children enrolled in the full two-week program.

Please go sspjyouth.com for all camp forms or e-mail us at campsspj@yahoo.com

Getting Ready for Next Sunday

June 25th - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time —Cycle A

Scripture Readings ONLINE

The website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides the text of the Scripture Readings. Go to: **www.usccb.org** . Click on the date.

Reflections on Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 20:10-13 *Psalm 69*
Romans 5:12-15 *Matthew 10:26-33*

Nothing worthwhile ever comes easy. We are told this as we grow up, and we tell our youth the same thing. But do we believe it? Do we look for the easy way out of problems? Do we work hard, help others, and presume we are entitled to "the good life"?

Because Jeremiah's message was one of gloom and doom for the people who refused to honor God, it was understandably not well-received. He found himself the object of persecution because he proclaimed the Word of God, and yet he carried on.

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus assures us that Christian life won't be easy: "Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul" (Matthew 10:28). "Tell in the light," he says (Matthew 10:27).

Paul's message on freedom and life reminds us that nothing worthwhile ever comes easy. Only through the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus were we liberated from sin and death. Life eternal was won for us at a great price -- the passion and death of our Savior.

"The good life" may often seem an unattainable one, as we struggle to love God and neighbor and self in a manner worthy of the name Christian. We too live in a world that refuses to honor God. We live among those who abuse and ridicule and those who kill, but we must carry on. Eternally good life awaits us. As seen in today's gospel, we have Jesus' very Word on it.

-- Elsie Hainz McGrath

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For reflection…

What helps you to trust in God? What challenges your trust? How do you handle those challenges?

If Christ says to "speak in the light" that which he has said in darkness, is that speaking meant to dispel the darkness? What state ments in this reading show that Jesus wants to establish a dynamic reality? Can you "proclaim"the Good News today "from the housetops"? What does that mean?

Why is there risk involved in proclaiming the Word? How many times does Jesus tell you not to fear in this reading? What does he say about the hairs on your head that reinforce the "no fear" concept?

Suffering can lead to resentment, bitterness and anger. Who do you think enabled Jeremiah to endure his suffering but also get beyond all the negative emotions that came with it?

The "good life" is before us all… ready to embrace today

Spiritual Reflection by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Christianity and Noon-Day Fatigue

There's a popular notion which suggests that it can be helpful to compare every century of Christianity's existence to one year of life. That would make Christianity twenty-one years old, a young twenty-one, grown-up enough to exhibit a basic maturity but still far from a finished product. How insightful is this notion?

That's a complex question because Christianity expresses itself in communities of worship and in spiritualities that vary greatly across the world. For instance, just to speak of churches, it is difficult to speak of the Christian church in any global way: In *Africa*, for the most part, the churches are young, full of young life, and exploding with growth, with all the strengths and problems that come with that. In *Eastern Europe* the churches are still emerging from the long years of oppression under communism and are struggling now to find a new balance and new energy within an ever-intensifying secularity. *Latin American* churches have given us liberation theology for a reason. There the issues of social injustice and those advocating for it in Jesus' name and those reacting against them have deeply colored how church and spirituality are lived and understood. In *Asia*, the situation is even more complex. One might talk of four separate ecclesial expressions and corresponding spiritualities in Asia: There is Buddhist Asia, Hindu Asia, Moslem Asia, and a seemingly post-Christian Asia. Churches and spiritualities express themselves quite differently in these different parts of Asia. Finally there is still *Western Europe and North America*, the so-called "West". Here, it would seem, Christianity doesn't radiate much in the way of either youth or vitality, but appears from most outward appearances to be aged, grey-haired, and tired, an exhausted project.

How accurate is this as a picture of Christianity in Western Europe, North America, and other highly secularized part of the world? Are we, as churches, old, tired, grey-haired, and exhausted?

That's one view, but the picture admits of other interpretations. Sigmund Freud and Karl Marx, along with many Enlightenment figures, saw Christianity as a spent project, as a dying reality, its demise the inevitable death of childhood naiveté. But Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, looking at the same evidence, saw things in exactly the opposite way. For him, Christianity was still "in diapers", struggling still to grow in maturity, a child still learning to walk; hence its occasional stumbles. Contemporary spiritual writer, Tomas Halik, the recent winner of the prestigious Templeton Award, suggests still another picture. For Halik, Christianity in the West is undergoing a "noon-day fatigue", a writer's block, a crisis of imagination. In this, he is very much in agreement with what Charles Taylor suggests in his monumental study, *A Secular Age.* For Taylor, what we are experiencing today is not so much a crisis of faith as a crisis of imagination and integration. Older Christian writers called this a "dark night of the soul", and Halik suggests that it is happening to us not at the end of the day but at noontime.

My own sympathies are very much with Halik. Christianity, the churches, and the spiritualities in Western Europe and North America aren't old and dying, a spent project. Rather they are young, figuratively speaking only twenty-one years old, with still some growing up to do. But, and here is where I agree with conservative critics, growth into that maturity is not guaranteed but is rather contingent upon us making some clear choices and hard commitments inside a genuine faith. As any parent can tell you, there are no guarantees that a twenty-one year old will grow to maturity. The opposite can also happen, and that's true too for Christianity and the churches today. There are no guarantees.

But, inside of faith and inside the choices and commitments we will have to make, it is important that we situate ourselves under the correct canopy so as to assign to ourselves the right task. We are not old and dying. We are young, with our historical afternoon still to come, even as we are presently suffering a certain "noon-day fatigue". Our afternoon still lies ahead and the task of the afternoon is quite different than the task of the morning or the evening. As James Hillman puts it: "The early years must focus on getting things done, while the later years must consider what was done and how."

But the afternoon years must focus on something else, namely, the task of deepening. Both spirituality and anthropology agree that the afternoon of life is meant to be an important time within which to mature, an important time for some deeper inner work, and an important time to enter more deeply our own depth. Note that this is a task of deepening and not one of restoration.

Our noon-day fatigue will not be overcome by returning to the task of the morning in hope of refreshing ourselves or by retiring passively to the evening's rocking chair. Noon-day fatigue will be overcome by finding new springs of refreshment buried at deeper places inside us.

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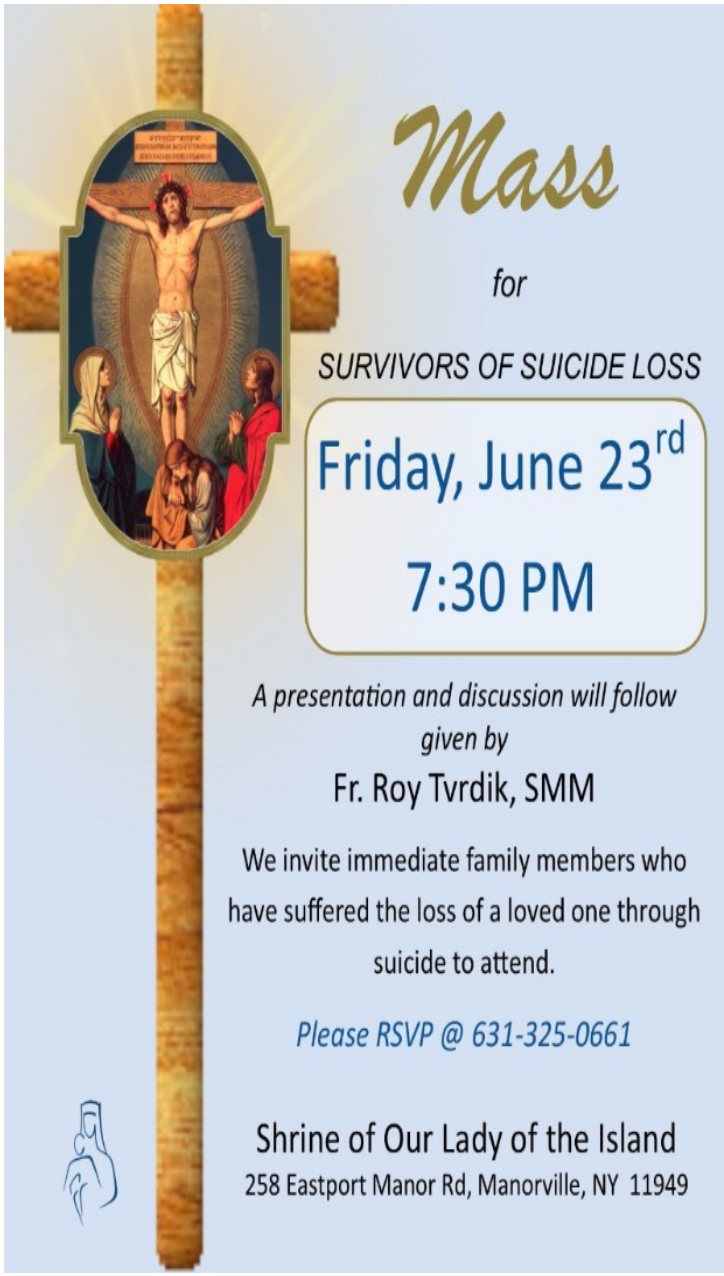

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