



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

March 17, 2019

Second Sunday Of Lent



*Then from the cloud came a voice that said,
This is my chosen Son; listen to him"*

Luke 9:35

*"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

Sunday ~ Closed

Monday: 9am-8pm

Parish Center office Hours

Tuesday & Wednesday: 9am-8pm

Thursday: 9am-5pm

Friday: Closed

Saturday: 10am-2pm

Parish Center Phone ~ 631-584-5454

Parish Center Fax~ 631-862-9675

Web ~ www.sspj.org

Pastoral Team

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

Pastoral Council

Michael Sharkey, Richard Frazita, Lou Guerra, Kelsey Greco, Cynthia Lombardi,
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SSPJ School—Principal Diane M. Anderson

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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.

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

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

Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

Last week the desert. This week the mountain. Last week temptations. This week transfiguration. We're already in the second week of Lent. How's it going? Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP, offers some thoughts,

Our Ash Wednesday probably began with resolutions to: pray more, respond to the needs of our neighbor, be more patient at home, read an uplifting book, attend daily mass or, be more attentive at our Sunday worship. It is only the second week of Lent but have we already slipped in our resolutions and gone back to the "same old, same old?"

Lent is a wakeup call, not to settle for what is flimsy and passing, but to realize, as Paul puts it, "our citizenship is in heaven." Lent reminds us that we have expected too little of ourselves and of our God....The scriptures today invite us to look beyond our daily lives and routines to a deeper union with the Lord Jesus Christ. It's an invitation to transformation and transfiguration from what is merely earthly and passing to the promise God has made us, in Christ – that we are already "citizens of heaven."

In today's gospel, God pleads with us, *This is my beloved Son; listen to him!* And so we pray,

***Over all the uproar, racket and din,
Lord, help us listen to you.***

***Show to us your dazzling glory hidden in the hum-drum:
our everyday wonderful lives. (Anne Osdieck)***

The Pastoral Council has requested that we examine how we receive Eucharist during the weeks of Lent. Please see the following page in this week's bulletin, **"Take and Eat. Take and Drink"**.

This weekend Sister Theresita invites us to say, **"Yes, my Lord"** to the invitation to open the door to our hearts by attending our upcoming Parish Mission, either in the morning or the evening. As we are praying in our parish Lenten prayer, ***may we allow God to till our innermost soil, so that we may let go of hurtful thoughts and ways, leaving more room for God to plant seeds of healing and hope.*** I encourage all of us to seize the moment and give God the opportunity to awaken our senses to the new thing God does each day.

Next Sunday at the 10am Mass we will be invited to a new way of praying as those who wish may choose to join in a simple gesture prayer to welcome the Word. It's an additional way of saying, **"Yes, my Lord!...Digo si, Senor!"**

Again, my thanks to all who have already responded to our Catholic Ministries Appeal. Through our donations we fulfill dual roles: supporting the needs of others on Long Island and also contributing toward our own parish as we upgrade our church/auditorium sound systems. If you haven't yet and are able to join in the effort, please help us reach our goal by Easter.

Please continue to remember in your prayers those who are experiencing the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Each week we see them being sent forth from Mass as they continue preparing for Baptism and full communion at the Easter Vigil.

And I recently received this:

Why were you sent home this time, Beano?

Aw, I had to spell the word fascinate and use it in a sentence. Well, I spelled it correctly but the teacher didn't like my sentence

What was it?

I said my coat has nine buttons but I can only fasten eight.

Peace,

Father Tom

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

Take and Eat... Take and Drink...

Holy Communion has a more complete form as a sign when it is received under both kinds. For in this manner of reception a fuller sign of the Eucharistic banquet shines forth. Moreover there is a clearer expression of that will by which the new and everlasting covenant is ratified in the blood of the Lord and of the relationship of the Eucharistic banquet to the eschatological banquet in the Father's kingdom...

(General Instruction on the Roman Missal)



When Receiving the Consecrated Bread



Too often we rush this intimate moment. Sometimes we resemble fast food more than banquet. Think of taking communion in five distinct parts: positioning, looking, proclaiming, responding and taking.

We approach and stand, a sign of Christ's resurrection. As we reach the minister of the Eucharist, a slight bow is a sign of reverence.

We look at the minister, and at the host. The minister proclaims, "The Body of Christ!" We respond, "Amen!" (Yes, I believe!) And we take the Body of Christ into ourselves.

To receive in the hand, we place one hand on top of the other, palms up, and hold them up toward the minister who reverently places the host on the upper palm. We immediately use our other hand to place the host in our mouth. If our choice is to receive on the tongue, we extend the tongue so that the host may be placed on it.

When Receiving the Consecrated Wine



In the three decades since the Second Vatican Council, communion from a common cup for all the faithful was gradually re-introduced as a sign of obedience to the Lord's command. But in the early years of the Church, sharing both the body and the blood was the norm.

Again, we approach the minister, we bow slightly as a sign of reverence, and look at the minister who proclaims, "The Blood of Christ!" We respond, "Amen" (Yes, I believe!) We then take the chalice into our hands and take a sip of the precious blood. We hand the chalice back to the minister and return to our seat. The minister wipes the cup with the purificator and turns it to be ready for the next person.

While all are encouraged to both take and eat and take and drink, prudence dictates that common sense be used so that one with a contagious illness, including a cold, refrain from drinking from the cup.

We believe that both the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine are each the full Body and Blood of Christ. Those receiving only under one species, either the bread or the wine, receive the full Body and Blood of Jesus.

And during and after receiving?

During the priest's and the faithful's reception of the sacrament the communion song is sung. Its function is to express outwardly the communicants' union in spirit by means of the unity of their voices, to give evidence of joy of heart, and to make the procession to receive Christ's body more fully an act of the community.

(General Instruction on the Roman Missal)

So, as the priest receives Eucharist, we begin singing. We continue singing as we process to receive Eucharist, as we return to our seats, and until all have received. Dining at the table of the Lord is an experience of community, of family. After everyone has received, we then take a few quiet moments to speak quietly and personally to the One who has given us so intimately of himself. As St. Augustine reminds us, we pray to become what we have received—the Body and Blood of Christ, sent forth by Jesus to live and share the gospel.

Our Lenten Journey Continues...Retreat begins...THIS WEEK



Parish Lenten Retreat
March 18-20, 2019
Open the Door to Your Heart
(An inward journey to the real you)

Presented by
Sister Theresita Donach
Our Pastoral Associate

Conferences in the morning after the 9:15 Mass

Conferences in the evening will be at 7:00 PM

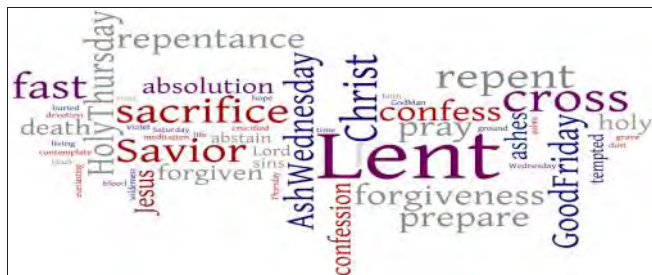
You are welcome to share your thoughts on the retreat or some scripture readings with Sister T. There will be a sign up sheet available in the back of the church with times listed. Any questions please call Sister T at 631-584-5454 ext. 214

Open the door of your heart so that the Lord may fill you with the courage and wisdom you need to be your best self!



The 2020 Mass Book

Is Open!
The contribution for a
mass intention is \$20.



Vacation Bible Camp is seeking a Volunteer Registered Nurse.
This Position is needed for Week 1: July 22-26th *and or*
Week 2: July 29th - August 2nd from 9am-12noon.
If you are interested, kindly contact Virginia Portanova at the
Parish Center Office: 631-584-5454.



Stations of the Cross Friday, March 22nd- The Cross and Times of Crisis

*Stations are prayed in the Church Friday's in Lent
at 7:00pm*

Lenten Regulations 2019

Traditionally, the Lenten Season is a time of penance throughout the Catholic Church. Lent is a season in which prayer, the reception of the sacraments, charity and almsgiving are emphasized. Fast and abstinence are to be observed Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday:

These are days of *Fast and Abstinence from meat*. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

Days of Abstinence: (All Fridays in Lent):

All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.



All Are Invited to Attend
Hospitality Sunday

Prepared by the
Knights of Columbus
TODAY!: Sunday, March 17th, 2019

After the 8am and 10am Masses

*Please stop by for light fare and faith sharing
with our Parish Family.*

STS. PHILIP & JAMES CYO TRACK & FIELD TEAM

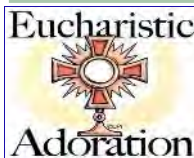
Registration is OPEN for the SSPJ CYO Track & Field Team.

All boys & girls in grades 1-8 are invited to join. You do not need to be a member of the school or the parish in order to become a member.

Please visit our website www.sspjtrack.com for information about the 2019 season as well as registration forms and fees.

Any questions/comments please contact:
MaryBeth Dearie at (631) 675-6072
OR

nfo@sspjtrack.com



Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday at 2pm in the Church
Friday at 8pm in the Church

THREE EVENINGS ON THE SPIRITUALITY OF RICHARD ROHR

IN THE BETHANY CENTER FROM 7PM-9PM

Tuesday, March 26th -

"Breathing Underwater: A Spirituality of the Twelve Steps"

Tuesday April 23rd -

"Everything Belongs: Praying and Living Contemplatively"

Fr. Richard Rohr is a globally recognized author, speaker, and spiritual teacher. He is a Franciscan priest of the New Mexico Province and founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Fr. Rohr's teaching is grounded in the Franciscan tradition, the teachings of the mystics, and the Little Way of St. Therese of Lisieux. This three week program will explore three major themes of Fr. Richard's teaching,

Falling Upward - A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life,
Breathing Underwater, A Spirituality Based on the Twelve Steps, and Everything Belongs - Praying and Living Contemplatively.

All are welcome to join in any or all of the three sessions.

Moderated by Thomas Petriano
Professor and Chair of Religious Studies
St. Joseph's College

Suggested Offering: \$10

Parish Social Ministry ~ Lenten Project

Parish Social Ministry gives thanks to the wonderful office staff, youth group and volunteer parishioners who made our Ash Wednesday Soup Supper a great success.

We had a homemade assortment of delicious meatless soups and were pleased to see that many people tried a variety of them.

Our Lenten Project this year for the benefit of Forward in Health Clinic, Haiti is off to a good start. We raised \$425 and hope to increase that during the next few weeks.

Thank you for your generous response.



Forward in Health Clinic, Fonfred Haiti

Is a mission project inspired by **Sister Theresita**
Bringing consistent health care to the underserved in
Fonfred, Haiti.



***Any donation will contribute to the life and well being to anyone
who calls Fonfred, Haiti, HOME.***



A gift of \$25 ~Provides healthcare for 1 child for a year

A gift of \$100~Provides prenatal care for 1 woman thru her pregnancy

A gift of \$150~Provides medical care for a family of 6 people for 1 year

PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY GANG SUNDAY

Help us spread the love one sandwich at a time

A special thank you to all the Apostles of Hope who have been dropping off boxes. God Bless!

What is this? A service opportunity aimed at feeding the hungry. Sandwiches are delivered to a soup kitchen on Long Island.

When? Sunday- March 24, 2019

Time? 11:15 to 12:30 (Check in at 11:00, after 10:00 am Mass)

Where? Auditorium

Who? All are welcome to help feed the hungry. Registration is required.



****Volunteers are asked to bring four loaves of WHOLE WHEAT bread, one jar of jelly and two jars of smooth peanut butter. In addition, any youth volunteers are to be picked up in front of SSPJ School on Clinton Ave. at 12:15-12:30**

******WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF BOXES TO TRANSPORT OUR SANDWICHES.WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMPUTER PAPER BOXES WITH LIDS TO BE DROPPED OFF IN THE AUDITORIUM THE MORNING OF THE PBJ SESSION. THANK YOU!!**

If you are interested in our next Peanut Butter Sunday, please complete the registration form which can be obtained at the Pastoral Center. Kindly register before March 20, 2019

THE MEN'S FORUM

AT THE CHURCH OF SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES

2019 MEETING DATES

- March 18
- April 1
- May 6
- May 20
- June 17, *Closing Mass*

EVENING SCHEDULE:

- 6:30 pm: Holy Hour Adoration
- 7:30 pm: Speaker's Presentation
- 8:30 pm: Social with Coffee & Cake



MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019

Speaker: TBA

Topic: TBA

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. Join us for inspiring talks and fellowship!

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.

LOCATION: Main Church: 359 Clinton Avenue, Saint James, NY

6:30 PM: Adoration • **7:30 PM:** Speaker Talk • **8:30 PM:** Coffee & Cake

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

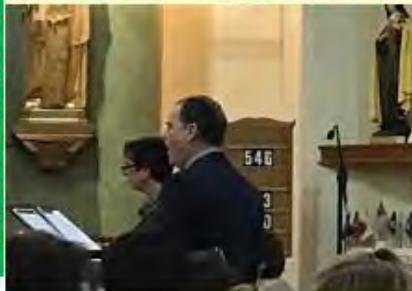


Website: www.sspjmensforum.org

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The Magic of Ireland What a Wonderful Parish Event!



*"Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man
who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone
who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears
me."* St. Patrick





2019 SSPJ GOAL ~ \$119,700.00: SSPJ is at 47% of Goal



"May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need." - Pope Francis

Almsgiving in Lent

During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray, fast and give alms.

Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs.

And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who are hungry and consider sharing your gifts with them.

One good way to do this is by making a gift to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, which supports programs that help feed people in our community each year through both Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach Centers.



For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

2019 Goal

\$119,700

Pledges
at
3/12/19
\$55,740

Music Ministry

Happy St. Patrick and Happy St. Joseph 's Day to all.

Today and Tuesday we celebrate the feast days of these popular Saints.

For St. Patrick our 5pm Mass will sing, as their Communion Special hymn, Christ Be beside Me. The words are attributed to St. Patrick. And a Blessing hymn "May God Bless you", an Irish prayer, to be sung at the end of Mass before the final blessing.

For St. Joseph our Communion hymn, # 106 in Today's missal, is Holy Patron thee Saluting, describing the life of St. Joseph, husband to Mary and foster Father to Jesus.



Religious Education Ministry : For Week of March 17th, 2019

**CATECHIST MEETING
FOR GRADE 3 & 4 CATECHISTS**

**MONDAY, MARCH 18TH AT 7PM
OR
TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH AT 10AM
IN THE STS PHILIP & JAMES ROOM**

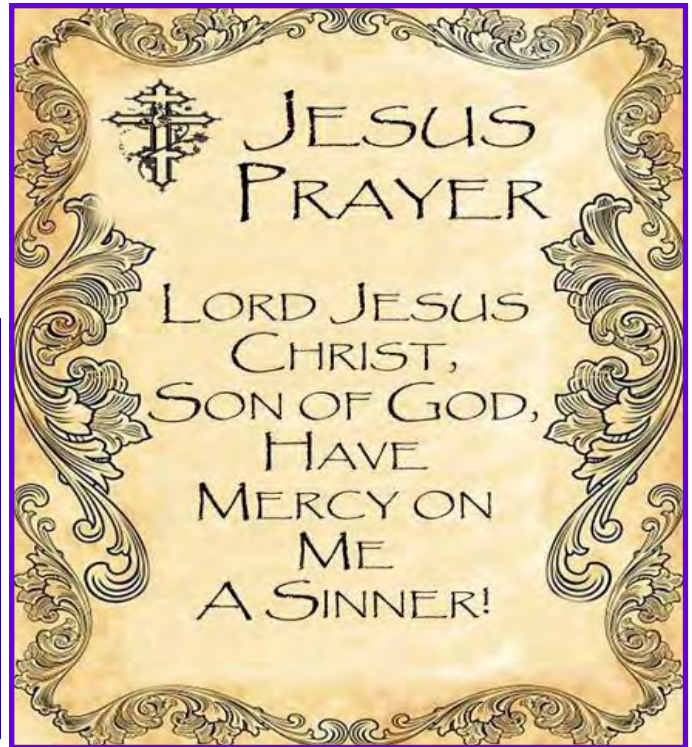
RECONCILIATION

GRADE 3 RECONCILIATION

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH AT 4:45PM
IN THE CHURCH**

GRADE 7 RECONCILIATION

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH AT 6:00PM
IN THE CHURCH**



Exciting Vacation Bible Camp News!

VBC Registration will be available for either Week 1 or Week 2

Week 1: July 22-26th

(or)

Week 2: July 29th – Aug 2nd

(Curriculum will be the same for both weeks)

VBC runs from 9:30am – 12:00pm, Monday - Friday

For children ages 4-9 years old.

Registration will begin after April 1st.



Our theme this year is: “Bible Hero’s”

Vacation Bible Camp is a long-standing tradition at Saints Philip and James. VBC is a one week experience where **4 -9 year olds** are introduced to our faith through music, dance, arts & crafts, outside activities and daily assemblies. VBC is a place for children to sing, laugh, learn, pray and meet new friends.

Special events and Surprises at the end of the program.

Tuition is \$35- which includes supplies, a daily healthy snack and a T-Shirt

***Registration forms will be accepted after April 1st at the Parish Center Office.
Questions, please call 631-584-5454.**



March 17TH, 2019

DUE March 24TH, 2019

"Jesus is transfigured in the presence of his disciples"

Gospel: Luke 9: 28b-36

Complete only if you were UNABLE to attend Children's Liturgy of the Word on Saturday, March 16th or 17th



My Name Is: _____

I Am In Grade: _____

My Catechist "Teacher's" Name Is: _____

In today's Gospel, Jesus takes three of his disciples, Peter, John and James, with him to a quiet place to pray.

It was so quiet that his disciples FELL ASLEEP!

When Jesus' Disciples woke up,
whose voice did they hear?

What did that voice tell them?



Our Prayer for the Second Sunday in Lent:

Jesus, we are grateful that you are always with us, please help us to see you in our ordinary day. Help us see you in the clouds, when we are at Mass, when someone helps us and especially when we help each other.

Amen



March 17th, 2019

DUE March 24th, 2019

Welcome to The Second Sunday of Lent

Gospel: Luke 9: 28b-36

"Jesus is transfigured in the presence of
Peter, James and John"



My Name IS: _____

I AM IN GRADE: _____

MY TEACHERS NAME IS: _____

In today's Gospel, We hear about the Transfiguration of Jesus.

Transfiguration is a big word that means change.

What happened to the disciples while Jesus was praying?

Whose voice did the disciples hear when they woke up?

What did the voice say?

Did Jesus look different when they heard this voice? _____

Who was standing beside Jesus?



Our Prayer for the Second Sunday of Lent

Dear Jesus,

Sometimes we are tired and don't recognize your presence beside us. During Lent help us to WAKE UP, to hear your words and act. Help us to transform by helping others, help us to hear your words at Mass and help us to see you in all the people that help us each and everyday.

Amen



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SUNDAY MASS REFLECTIONS
Confirmation I & II (Grades 7 & 8)

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Name of Teacher/Catechist: _____

*The **Second Week of LENT**, March 16th / 17th, 2019*

PLACE COMPLETED PAPER IN THE "APOSTLE OF HOPE BASKET" AT MASS NEXT WEEKEND (Mar 23 / 24)
(Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 • Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1 • Luke 9:28b - 36)

"This is my chosen Son, listen to him." – Luke



Prayerfully place yourself in today's Gospel reading. Imagine being one of the three apostles who had been chosen to ascend Mount Tabor with Jesus.

If you had been one of the apostles, you would have seen Jesus practically every day for about three years following him in his public ministry. But now, you see Jesus like never before— transfigured and radiant in glory.

Suddenly, in the midst of this extraordinary revelation of Jesus, a voice from heaven speaks. It is God the Father, saying "This is my chosen Son, listen to him".

The one command the heavenly Father gives you in this most amazing moment of divine revelation is to listen to Jesus, his Son. Take time now in prayer to consider this scene, and then answer the reflections below.

1. Why do you think Jesus took you and his two apostles with him this time when he often went out alone to pray?

2. The Gospel passage makes it clear that the Transfiguration took place within the context of **prayer**: "*While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.*" Jesus' appearance was changed while he was praying.

What kind of changes have you experienced in your life as a result of prayer—either while you have been praying or after you started to begin your habit of prayer? How has it changed you?

SSPJ SCHOOL NEWS



COME JOIN US FOR SSPJ FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT!!

FRIDAY, APRIL 5 AT 7PM. SSPJ SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

\$30 entry fee per team. All ages welcome--teams can be up to 6 people!

Reserve early as spots are limited!! Trivia night will run approximately 2 hours or less!

Great prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners!

Refreshments will be available for purchase!

RSVP by April 1 to reserve your spot!

Contact Jennine Cullen at jbcullen78@verizon.net or

631-871-9973 with any questions.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Team Name: _____ Number of players: _____

Please make checks payable to: SSPJ School

Congratulations to SSPJ Brownie Troop~ Ave Maria Religious Medal Award



Congratulations to the Sts Philip and James school brownie troop #2111. Melinda Shannon, Fiona O'Connor, Reegan Prew, Sarah Cullen and Jovianna Keenan (l-r) received their Ave Maria religious medal during Girl Scout Sunday mass 3/10/19.

(Not pictured Ava Davis, Brynn Seebach, Erin Kieran, Gabriella Dagostino and Reilly Williams).



CAMPS 'R' US SSPJ OPEN HOUSE ~ NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 24TH AT 11AM

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campsrus.org

Camps 'R' Us Saint James Open House
Sunday, March 24th, 11 AM - 1 PM
SSPJ School • 359 Clinton Avenue • Saint James

SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of March 17th, 2019

Sunday, March 17th, 2019:

8:30am	RCIA	Cantina
9:00am	KOC Hospitality Sunday	Auditorium
10:00am	Children's Liturgy	Auditorium
11:00am	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Wkshp
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room

Monday, March 18th, 2019:

10:00am	Parish Lenten Retreat	Church
7:00pm	Parish Lenten Retreat	Church
7:00pm	REO 3rd & 4th Grade Catechist Wkshp	SSPJ Room
7:30pm	Men's Forum	Bethany Center

Tuesday, March 19th, 2019:

10:00am	Parish Lenten Retreat	Church
10:00am	REO 3rd & 4th Grade Catechist Wkshp	Philip & James Room
1:30pm	Spirit of Love Prayer Group	Prayer Room Church
4:30pm	REO First Grade Lessons with Miss Charlotte	Bethany Ctr.
4:45pm	REO 3rd Grade Reconciliation	Church
6:00pm	REO 7th Grade Reconciliation	Church
7:00pm	Catholic Daughters Meeting	Auditorium
7:00pm	Parish Lenten Retreat	Church
7:30pm	KOC District Deputy Meeting	Philip & James Room
7:30pm	IMPACT	Bethany Center

Wednesday, March 20th, 2019:

10:00am	Parish Lenten Retreat	Church
4:30pm	REO First Grade Lessons with Miss Charlotte	Bethany Center
7:00pm	Parish Lenten Retreat	Church
7:00pm	Youth Ministry	Bethany Center

Thursday, March 21st, 2019 :

2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
4:30pm	Adult Formation Classes	Philip & James Room
7:30pm	Adult Choir	Church & Choir Loft

Friday, March 22nd, 2019:

10:00am	FORMED LENTEN PRESENTATION	Bethany Center
3:00pm	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Workshop
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room
7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
8:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church

Saturday, March 23rd, 2019:

5:00pm	Children's Liturgy	Auditorium
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Sunday, March 24th, 2019:

8:30am	RCIA	Cantina
10:00am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Auditorium
11:00am	Camps R Us Open House	School Lobby
11:00am	Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang	Auditorium
11:00am	Stained Glass	Stained Glass Wkshp
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room

Our Bread & Wine

*For the Week of
March 17th, 2019*

*Are Offered
In Loving Memory of,
Carol Guadagno*

*"On your 20th Anniversary
in Heaven"*

Your Loving Family

The Altar Candles

*For the Week of
March 17th, 2019*

*Are Burning
In Loving Memory of,*

Richard & Grace Ehmann

The Pro Life Rose

*For the Week of
March 17th, 2019*

*Is Offered for,
Richard & Grace Ehmann*

Weekly Collection:

Sunday March 10th, 2019

Sunday Collection: \$12,096.

Faith Direct: \$2,877.

Children's Jug: \$72.

Church In Need: \$2,409.

Total Collection: \$17,454.

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Mass Intentions, For the week of March 17th, 2019

Saturday, March 16th, 2019

5:00pm Jack Duffy

Sunday, March 17th, 2019

8:00am For the Parishioners of SSPJ

10:00am John Pavelka

12:00 Noon Collective Mass:

Carol Guadagno

Thomas P. Mullin

Richard Ehmann

Monday, March 18th, 2019

7:30am James Maher

9:15am Louise Kelly

Tuesday, March 19th, 2019

7:30am Aurora Diminich

9:15am Joey Morda

Wednesday, March 20th, 2019

7:30am

9:15am

Laurie Ann Palmieri

Thursday, March 21st, 2019

7:30am

9:15am

Ray Evans Garard

Collective Mass:

Benedetta Caltabiano

Joanne Merlino

Friday, March 22nd, 2019

7:30am

9:15am

Beatrice Harney

Saturday, March 23rd, 2019

9:15am

5:00pm

Edward Souza

Viera Horton

Sunday, March 24th, 2019

8:00am For the Parishioners of SSPJ

10:00am

12:00 Noon

Terry Byrne

Collective Mass:

AnnaMay Notaro

Hector Contreras

Harold Messerschmitt

Eugene Brown

Robert Gohn

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Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Tom Haggerty
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Saturday, March 23rd, 2019	Sunday, March 24th, 2019	Sunday, March 24th, 2019	Sunday, March 24th, 2019
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D. Anderson	C. Czujko	D. Bleggi	B. Chandler
E. Kaleita	P. Martin	R. Bleggi	D. LaVecchia
P. Kaleita	W. Ramos	T. Boboris	M. Lebrun
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L. Taurassi	W. Van Gostein	M. Morbillo	O. Laiz
D. Toto	J. Harvey	P. Rizzo	A. Mantia

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5:00PM MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
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M. Pappas	A. Willman	J. Prew	D. Sanchez-Rincon
B. Doran	B. Willman	E. Cheeseman	A. Frankenberger
C. Williams		N. Fazzini	B. Frankenberger

LECTOR SCHEDULE-FOR March 23rd & 24th, 2019

Saturday, March 23, 2019	Sunday, March 24, 2019	Sunday, March 24, 2019	Sunday, March 24, 2019
5:00PM MASS	8:00 AM MASS	10:00AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
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It's Not About Marriage

This Week's Readings at Mass

- Exodus 17:3-7 - Water from the rock
- Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 - Faith, hope, and love
- John 4:5-42 - The Samaritan woman at the well

The Samaritan woman stays with Jesus through a dense theological conversation in the Gospel today. Christians often don't recognize the references the two are making to the Old Testament and to Jewish and Samaritan history in their dialogue. The woman proves herself to be very intelligent and knowledgeable here, especially when Jesus notes that she has been married five times already. She immediately recognizes him as a prophet at that moment.

In the Old Testament, prophets accused the people of marital infidelity when they worshipped other gods. Interestingly, the Samaritans had been ruled by five foreign nations who worshipped other gods. So Jesus isn't calling this woman out as a sexual sinner. He is calling her people out for unfaithfulness to the one true God, and she understands what he means by this.

Unlike Nicodemus, who questioned Jesus the night before and left still confused about who Jesus was, the Samaritan woman goes from seeing Jesus as "just" a Jew, to a prophet, to the Messiah—all in the course of one conversation. Then she does

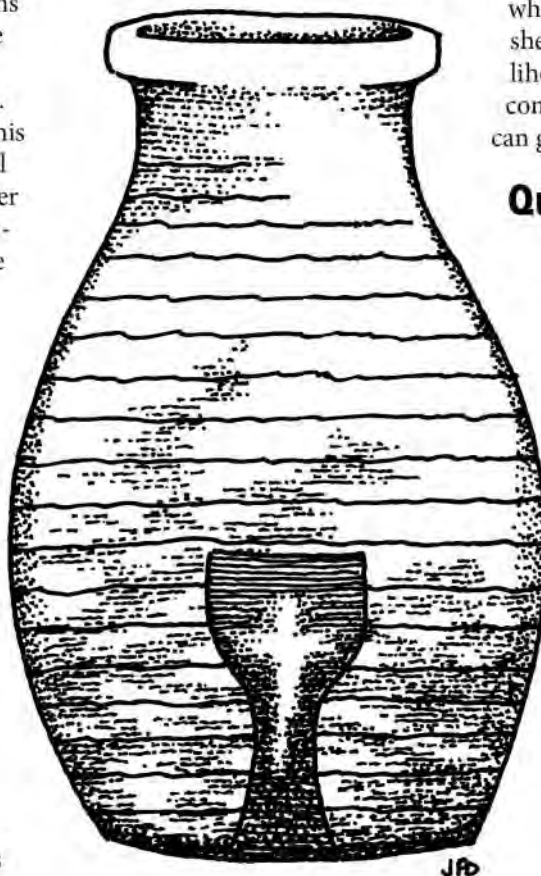


what all of the apostles do in John's gospel: she leaves behind the symbol of her livelihood (her water jar) and urges others to come and spend time with Jesus so that they can get to know him themselves.

Questions of the Week

- 1 In what ways have you been unfaithful to God? Have you “hedged your bets” by trusting in your money, your career, your home, etc. as other sources of security besides God? In other words, what other gods have you worshipped?
- 2 In what area(s) of your life might Jesus be calling you to greater trust and faithfulness?

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Lessons through Failure

What's to be learned through failure, through being humbled by our own faults? Generally that's the only way we grow. In being humbled by our own inadequacies we learn those lessons in life that we are deaf to when we are strutting in confidence and pride. There are secrets, says John Updike, which are hidden from health. This lesson is everywhere in scripture and permeates every spirituality in every religion worthy of the name.

Raymond E. Brown, offers an illustration of this from scripture: Reflecting on how at one point in its history, God's chosen people, Israel, betrayed its faith and was consequently humiliated and thrown into a crisis about God's love and concern for them, Brown points out that, long range, this seeming disaster ended up being a positive experience: *"Israel learned more about God in the ashes of the Temple destroyed by the Babylonians than in the elegant period of the Temple under Solomon."*

What does he mean by that? Just prior to being conquered by Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, Israel had just experienced what, to all outside appearances, looked like the high point of her history (politically, socially, and religiously). She was in possession of the promised land, had subdued all her enemies, had a great king ruling over her, and had a magnificent temple in Jerusalem as a place to worship and a center to hold all the people together. However, inside that apparent strength, perhaps because of it, she had become complacent about her faith and increasing lax in being faithful to it. That complacency and laxity led to her downfall. In 587 BCE, she was overrun by a foreign nation who, after taking the land, deported most of the people to Babylon, killed the king, and knocked the temple down to its last stone. Israel spent the next nearly half-century in exile, without a temple, struggling to reconcile this with her belief that God loved her.

However, in terms of the bigger picture, this turned out to be a positive. The pain of being exiled and the doubts of faith that were triggered by the destruction of her temple were ultimately offset by what she learned through this humiliation and crisis, namely, that God is faithful even when we aren't, that our failures open our eyes to us our own complacency and blindness, and that what looks like success is often its opposite, just as what looks like failure is often its opposite. As Richard Rohr might phrase it, in our failures we have a chance to "fall upward".


There's no better image available, I believe, by which to understand what the church is now undergoing through the humiliation thrust on it through the clerical sexual abuse crisis within Roman Catholicism and within other churches as well. To recast Raymond Brown's insight: *The church can learn more about God in the ashes of the clerical sexual abuse crisis than it did during its elegant periods of grand cathedrals, burgeoning church growth, and unquestioned acquiescence to ecclesial authority.* It can also learn more about itself, its blindness to its own faults, and its need for some structural change and personal conversion. Hopefully, like the Babylonian exile for Israel, this too will be for the churches something that's positive in the end.

Moreover, what's true institutionally for the church (and, not doubt, for other organizations) is also true for each of us in our personal lives. The humiliations that beset us because of our inadequacies, complacencies, failures, betrayals, and blindness to our own faults can be occasions to "fall upward", to learn in the ashes what we didn't learn in the winner's circle.

Almost without exception, our major successes in life, our grander achievements, and the boost in status and adulation that come with that generally don't deepen us in any way. To paraphrase James Hillman, success usually doesn't bring a shred of depth into our lives. Conversely, if we reflect with courage and honesty on all the things that have brought depth and character into our lives we will have to admit that, in virtually every case, it would be something that has an element of shame to it – a feeling of inadequacy about our own body, some humiliating element in our upbringing, some shameful moral failure in our life, or something in our character about which we feel some shame. These are the things that have given us depth.

Humiliation makes for depth; it drives us into the deeper parts of our soul. Unfortunately, however, that doesn't always make for a positive result. The pain of humiliation makes us deep; but it can make us deep in two ways: in understanding and empathy but also in a bitterness of soul that would have us get even with the world.

But the positive point is this: Like Israel on the shores of Babylon, when our temple is damaged or destroyed, in the ashes of that exile we will have a chance to see some deeper things to which we are normally blind.



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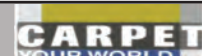
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