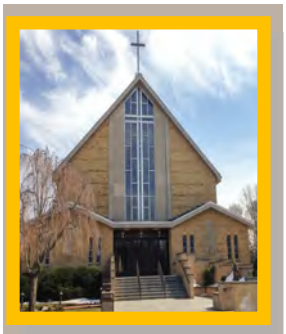

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2017

"A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep ."

John 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

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*
Domineck 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

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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,

Today traditionally has come to be called Good Shepherd Sunday. The voice of Christ the Good Shepherd speaks in every opportunity we are given to realize something new and better and good in our lives, in every challenge that moves us beyond our safe isolation in order to become part of a world so much bigger than ourselves. In Christ the Good Shepherd, God's limitless, unconditional love takes on a human face, becomes a real presence in our midst. In God's eyes, love is never absent: in God's heart, forgiveness is never impossible, in God's embrace, no one is ever alone or forgotten.

Again this weekend some of our youngest members join us at the Lord's table for the first time as they receive their First Holy Communion. Congratulations to them and to their families and many thanks to those who have shared faith with them and readied them for this day. Should you see one of these little ones dressed in their communion outfits…let's all give them a special word of affirmation and welcome.

This weekend at our Volunteer Appreciation Party we acknowledge with deep thanks all those Apostles of Hope who give life, energy, heart and spirit to our SSPJ community of faith!

The temperature continues to rise… not only outside but on our CMA thermometer. We are so, so close to reaching our target goal. Please if you are able to and have not yet done so… help us go over the top as we endeavor to bring the mercy of God to our Long Island community.

During the month of May all are encouraged to bring a flower from home and place it in the vase before the picture of Our Lady. Let's heed Pope Francis plea and pray for peace.

We are looking for a few Apostles of Hope who might made a one or two time a year commitment to join in our Baptism ministry.… assisting at the Sunday welcome Masses or serving as a greeter or reader at the Baptism ceremonies themselves. If interested please leave your name at the rectory.

And finally, in line to receive communion one Sunday, the cell phone of a woman went off just as the priest was handing her the host. The woman turned beet red, stammered an apology, and attempted to get her phone shut off. Without skipping a beat, the priest said, "tell them we don't do takeout."

Peace,

Father Tom

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

A Celebration of the Life of Father Patrick's Dad, John Opoku

Father Patrick Osei-Poku will celebrate a Memorial Mass for his deceased Father on Wednesday evening, May 10th, 2017 at 7:30pm.

The Ghanaian Choir of the Bronx and other Church members will be in attendance.

Please join in this celebration of life and prayer for the soul of John Opoku.

Father Patrick is pictured with his Dad, Mom, and 7 siblings.

CMA UPDATE!!!! It is With Sincere Gratitude That We ARE AT 91% of GOAL!

The Catholic Ministries Appeal provides funding for important programs, services, and ministries that strengthen our entire Church.

In order to reach our parish **goal of $122,500**, we need the support of all.

In the spirit of generosity, please prayerfully consider your gift to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal.

We would like to thank the **325 parishioners who have responded** to this drive.

Their **pledges and contributions of $111,948** have enabled us to achieve **91% of our goal**.

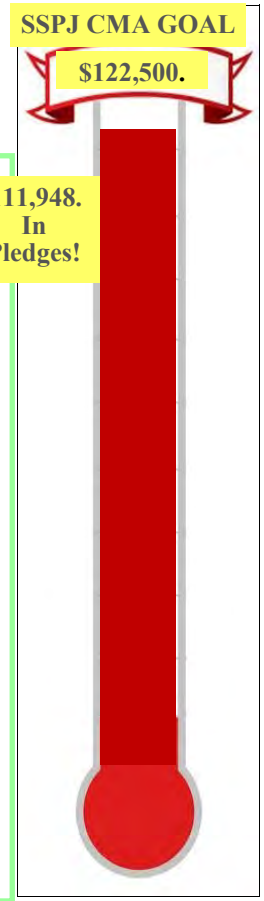
Through a 20% Parish Rebate, when our parish reaches our appeal goal of $122, 500, we will receive a parish rebate of $24, 500.

DRVC: PO Box 4000

Rockville Centre, NY 11571-4000

516-678-5800x296

www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org



Circle of Women

Eastertide

and

Mary our Mother

Monday May 8th, 2017 • 7:00 to 8:30 in Church

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, MAY 15, 2017

Guest Speaker: Father Guy Selvester,
Parish Administrator, St. Joseph Church, Washington, NJ
Topic: "Real Men Are Devoted to Mary"

The month of May, when spring is most beautiful, is fittingly devoted to the beautiful Blessed Mary, Virgin Mother of Jesus Christ. After our Lord, Mary is honored with the most feast days and with the greatest devotion in the Church, not only because without her the Son of God would not be man, but also because a prayerful relation to her strengthens one's relation to Christ and keeps it real. Fr. Guy will challenge the misconception among men that piety to Mary is effeminate or unmanly, and show why devotion to her needs to be a good and healthy part of every Catholic man's spiritual life. Please join us to hear Fr. Guy explain why Mary is the model God has given us for being a genuine disciple of Christ.

WHERE & WHEN: Main Church: North Country Rd., Saint James, NY
6:30 PM: Adoration & Rosary • 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

CHURCH of SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES
1 Carow Place • St. James, NY 11780 • 631-584-5454 • www.sspj.org

SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of May 7th, 2017

Sunday, May 7th, 2017

7:30am	Guild Ticket Sales	School Lobby
9:00am	RCIA Weekly Session	SSPJ Cantina
10:00am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Church
1:00pm	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Rm
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Monte Building

Monday , May 8th 2017:

1:15pm	SSPJ Senior Group	Philip & James Room
4:30pm	Communion II Rehearsal for 5/13 Communion at 11:30	Church
7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting	Auditorium
7:00pm	Circle of Women	Church
7:30pm	Pre-Baptism Class	Philip & James Room

Tuesday, May 9th , 2017:

1:30pm	Spirit of Love Prayer Group	Prayer Rm in Church
4:30pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:00pm	St. Monica Prayer Meeting	Cantina
7:30pm	Chords of Faith Rehearsal	Choir Loft
7:30pm	Boy Scout Leadership Meeting	Monte Building
7:30pm	Impact 8th Grade	Auditorium
7:30pm	Respect Life Meeting	Cantina

Wednesday, May 10th, 2017:

10:00am	Yoga	Trailer Room
4:30pm	Communion II Rehearsal for 5/13 Communion at 2:30pm	Church
7:00pm	Youth Ministry	Trailer Room

Thursday, May 11th, 2017:

10:00am	School Guild Plant Sale	Auditorium
1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Philip & James Rm
2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
6:00pm	Jr. Catholic Daughters Meeting	Philip & James Rm
7:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church

Friday, May 12th, 2017:

10:00am	School Guild Plant Sale	Auditorium
3:00pm	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Wksp
3:15pm	Cub Scout Meeting	Philip & James Rm.
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Monte Building
7:00pm	Wash Kit Gang	Auditorium
8:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church

Saturday, May 13th, 2017:

10:00am	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Wkshop
11:30am	First Holy Communion	Church
2:00pm	First Holy Communion	Church
4:30pm	Guild Ticket Sales	Outside of School

All are Invited!

Knights of Columbus

Hospitality Sunday Breakfast

Next Weekend:

May 14th, 2017

After the 8am and 10 am Masses

Wash Kit Gang Is Meeting on Friday, May 12th, 2017 at 7:00pm In the Auditorium.

All are invited to attend. Children are welcome but must be accompanied by a Parent. Please help us to help those in need.

Donations are always welcome of: Trial size soaps, shampoo, zip lock sandwich bags, band aids and hard candy.

Katie's Way

Katie's Way Collection:

Saturday, May 13th, 2017

From 1-3 pm

403 Lake Ave, St. James

Collecting New and gently used baby items to be delivered to the Life Center of Long Island.
These items benefit mothers, children and expectant mothers in need.
Your donations build a community that supports mothers who choose life for their unborn children under difficult circumstances.

Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word."

(Article I Section 1213 Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Perhaps you can consider being part of the celebration of a child's baptism?

The Sacrament of Baptism is the first step for a child into our faith which helps build up the Body of Christ here at SSPJ. In Baptism, the child is born again, becoming an adopted child of God, a member of the Church alive in Christ.

This is a very joyful and important moment for the parents and families of the children baptized. To enrich this experience and make it more holy and be more worship oriented, we have volunteers from the Baptism Ministry assist at the Baptisms here at SSPJ.

We are looking for volunteers to assist at this beautiful celebration .If you would be willing to help or would like additional information, please call the Parish Center Office and leave your name and phone so that you may be contacted.

PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY GANG SUNDAYS

"When did we see you hungry and feed you?"

***What is this?* A service opportunity aimed at feeding the hungry on Long Island by making sandwiches for distribution to local social service agencies.**

***When*? Sunday – May 21, 2017**

Time? 11:15 to 12:30 (sign in at 11:05)

***Where?* Auditorium**

***Who?* Any person or family with a desire to make a difference in the community.**

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

If you are interested in our next Peanut Butter Sunday, please , please complete the registration form, which can be obtained at the Pastoral Center. Any questions, please leave a message at 584-5454 and we will contact you as soon as possible.

We Invite You…

On May 7th, 2017…

To Visit
"The New SSPJ Website"

Visit www.sspj.org

For the latest, up to date information regarding Sts. Philip & James Parish!

IMPORTANT ! DON'T MISS OUT SECURE YOUR PLACE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

OF ST. PHILIP & JAMES

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Honoring Jack Skolnick

Monday June 12 2017

SMITHTOWN LANDING COUNTRY CLUB

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

THOMAS SICA

sikachu45@hotmail.com

631-521-4771

Registration 8:30 am
Shotgun tee off 10:00 am
Breakfast sponsored by
Doda's Gold Shield Catering

*NAME*_____

Address _____

Phone _____*E-Mail*_____

*Number of Players____ $175.00 per person Total $*_____
(includes Golf Cart, Lunch, Cocktail Hour, Dinner
Dinner only ____ $75.00 Number attending _____

Sponsorship:
____ *Dinner Sponsorship @ $1,000 (2) Available*
____ *Lunch Sponsorship @ $500 (2) Available*
____ *Driving Range Sponsorship@ $500 (2) Available*
____ *Tee Signs Sponsorship @$100 each*
_____ *Cart Sponsorship (1) $300*
_____ *Putting Green Sponsorship (4) @ $250 each*
_____ *Pin Flag Sponsorship (18) @ $125 each*

Checks made and mailed to:
Sts. Philp & James KofC Council #12839
P.O Box 201 St. James, NY 11780
For credit card or PayPal visit website:
www.kofcsspj.org

Sponsorship Information:

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Music Ministry.

Singing is an important part of our full participation at mass but I also encourage you to listen to the choir pieces each choir prepares before the communion hymn. These hymns are carefully chosen and hearing and meditating on these beautiful songs add to a more spiritual experience. We as a ministry pray through our music and hope our parish community is filled with peace and love as told by our risen Lord.

Coming soon a new Mass setting will be added to our parish repertoire. Mass of Christ the Savior. The Gloria that we currently sing is from this Mass.

The Mass can be found in our music issue at # 916, 917, 920 and 921.
Everyone is welcome to join any of the three parish choirs. Children, Teens and Adult. No audition is required just a love of God and music.
See me or one of our choir members after mass on any weekend.

Baptism music is a new part of the music ministry and we are in desperate need of more singers, guitar players, and flute players. Baptisms are twice a month on Sundays at 2pm. If you think you can help please contact me at 584-5454. Young adults also welcome.

The need is GREAT please consider becoming part of this branch of the music ministry. The more the merrier.
And remember "he who sings prays twice"

Thank you, Margaret Adams, Director of Music

Saturday May 13th, 2017 is the 100th Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Blessed Mother to the 3 children in Fatima Portugal.

How lucky we are to have the opportunity to honor Our Lady and follow her request to pray the rosary on this special occasion. You are all invited to meet at the St. Bernadette Shrine in front of the rectory office at @ 8:15AM to pray the rosary and sing a hymn to Mary and then process to the 9:15am mass.

Parish Social Ministry

Our Pantry is in dire need of:
Body and Bar Soaps, Shampoo & Conditioner Dish and Laundry Soaps

Saints Philip and James

Spring Gala

Saturday May 20th at 6:00pm - 10:00pm
SSPJ Church Auditorium

The Anthony J. Weidner Parish Service Award
will be presented to

Lou Guerra

Cocktail hour and Dinner by: Trattoria and Villa Sorrento
Live 6 piece Jazz Band, Dancing, Beer and Wine

Sponsorship

Circle one

$500 Benefactor $250 Patron $ 100 Sponsor $50 Friends other _____

Ticket Sales

Reserve ___ Seats at $ 45 each
Sorry I am unable to attend. Enclosed is my donation of _____

Name _____
Address _____
_____
Phone _____

Total Amount _____
Check MasterCard Visa Amex
Credit card number _____
Exp Date _____ CVV _____
Signature _____

Make Checks Payable to Sts/ Philip and James School Guild
359 Clinton Avenue, St James, NY 11780

Questions Contact: Lisa Stephens at schoolguild@sspjschool.net

Mass Intentions, For Week of May 7th ,2017

Saturday, May 6th, 2017

5:00pm	Antoinetta (Rita) Schifilliti

Sunday May 7th, 2017

8:00am	Ruth Testa
10:00am	Mary Brown
12:00noon	Collective Mass & For The Parishioners of SSPJ
	Carol Thompson
	Reverend Clarence Murphy
	Vincent (Jimmy) Scafa
	Virginia Kelly
	Michael Boruch
	Frank Sicurella

Monday, May 8th, 2017

7:30am	Father Jerry Cestare (Living)
9:15am	Frank Cafaro, Jr.

Tuesday, May 9th, 2017

7:30am	Frank Blainey
9:15am	Virginia Kelly

Wednesday, May 10th, 2017

7:30am	Virginia Kelly
9:15am	Margaret Castiglie

Thursday, May 11th, 2017

7:30am	Douglas DeWeerdt
9:15am	Collective Mass:
	Frank Picciurro
	David Barille
	Martha Gallagos

Friday, May 12th, 2017

7:30am	Pasquale Posillico
9:15am	Robert Remhild

Saturday, May 13th, 2017

9:15am	Gregoria Diaz
5:00pm	Peter Byrne

Sunday, May 14th, 2017

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

Our Bread, Wine

For The Week Of;
May 7th, 2017

Antoinette Rita Schifilliti

In Loving Memory on your
First Anniversary In Heaven.
With Love,
From your loving family

Our Altar Candles For The Week of: May 7th, 2017

Are Burning In Memory of,

Dominick Caponegro, Jr
&
Frank Lombardo

Wedding Banns

First	Second
Brendan Ward	Charles Nack
SSPJ	St. Patricks's
To	Smithtown
Casey Ann Gobetz	To
St Patrick's	Molly Winter
Smithtown	Holy Cross

Keeping You In Our Prayers....

For those who are ill...

John Flemming, Daniel Radice, Gert Kelleher, Linda Dunn, Eva Alaimo, Jessica Lubrano, Mattia Therese Lubrano, Kitty Cronin, Vivien Cordes

We offer our prayers, thoughts and love to all who are ill, their caregivers, and families. We welcome requests for healing prayers for those who are ill, and we will graciously include them upon our prayer list for a period of four weeks. Please contact the Parish Center at 631-584-5454 to make a prayer list request.

For those who serve...

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
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SR AIRMAN E4 ALEXANDER PARRELLA
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SGT. CORY O'HARA USMC
CDR. ROBERT J. MARSH, USN
PFC. CHARLES CHRISTOPHER HOWELL
JOHN VINCENT KNOBLOCH, USMC
STEVEN CAVA, USN
ERIC SEELIN, USMC
CW2 CHRIS MUNZ
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

Weekly Collection:

Easter Sunday, April 23rd, 2017

Sunday Collection: $13,869.
Faith Direct: $3,823.
Children's Jug: $ 38.
Total Collection: $17,730.

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

To my SSPJ Family,

I wanted to again thank each and every person of our parish. I had fundraised in January for the mission to Gallup, New Mexico that I went on during Spring Break.

I wanted to share with you the incredible experience of service that my whole team had while on mission. We worked in the local elementary school, the soup kitchen that the Missionaries of Charity run, gave retreats to high-school students, and performed music and spent time with people in a nursing home!

Every single second of this week was one of service, love, and excitement! I thank each one of you for your participation.

Lucas Nocera

Celebrating the Liturgy- With Grateful Hearts We Serve

PRESIDER SCHEDULE–FOR May 13th & 14th, 2017

Saturday, May 13, 2017 5:00 PM	Sunday, May 14, 2017 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, May 14, 2017 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday May 14, 2017 12:00 MASS
Father Patrick Osei-Poku	**Father Patrick Osei-Poku**	**Father Tom Haggerty**	**Father Tom Haggerty**
Deacon Ron	**Deacon Ron**	**Deacon John**	**Deacon John**

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE -FOR May 13th & 14th, 2017

Saturday, May 13, 2017	Sunday, May 14, 2017	Sunday, May 14, 2017	Sunday, May 14, 2017
5:00 PM MASS	**8:00 AM MASS**	**10:OO AM MASS**	**12:00 NOON MASS**
K. Consenz	A. Dunn	G. Patalano	C. Zito
C. Boyen	R. Fabian	L. Patalano	G. Zito
R. Byrne	C. Haff	N. Ranazzisi	B. Chandler
D. Doran	W. Haff	W. Rodriguez	D. Coppola
J. Duffy	J. Harvey	L. Sisti	J. Hanrahan
M. Dunn	H. Keenan	M. Spina	M. Hoonhout
D. Earl	M. Kenney	J. Sweeney	M. Lebrun
E. Kaleita, Jr.	A. Mantia	J. Tafra	J. Linder
P. Kaleita	P. Martin	M. Tangel	M. Laub
A. Keenan	W. Ramos	M. Tully	P. Rizzo

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE -FOR May 13th & 14th, 2017

Saturday, May 13, 2017	Sunday, May 14, 2017	Sunday, May 14, 2017	Sunday, May 14, 2017
5:00PM MASS	**8:00AM MASS**	**10:00 AM MASS**	**12:00 NOON MASS**
B. Doran	C. Haff	S. Cheeseman	P. Mazzola
L. Doran	W. Haff	P. Bisel	G. Vitale
M. Page	J. Koester	C. Tsoumpelis	E. Zeman
S. Page		C. Willams	I. Teston
A. Bjorklund			I. Cole

LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR May 13th & 14th 2017

Saturday, May 13, 2017	Sunday, May 14, 2017	Sunday, May 14, 2017	Sunday, May 14, 2017
5:00 PM MASS	**8:00 AM MASS**	**10:00AM MASS**	**12:00 NOON MASS**
L. Schor	G. Fitzpatrick	A. Latino	G. Law
E. Seidell	P. Kanuika	A. Foster	B. O'Leary

IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!!

THE SSPJ SCHOOL GUILD PLANT SALE
WILL BE HELD ON:

May 11th and May 12th, 2017

From 10 am until 1pm

In The School Auditorium

This Wonderful Sale is OPEN TO ALL PARISHONERS!!!

A wide variety of flowers are available
For purchase!

Saints Philip and James

2017 SSPJ School Guild Gala Sponsors

Patron $250.00

Clare Farrell

State Farm Insurance-Mr James Winter

Smithtown Orthodontics – Dr. Duane Shank

Three Village Womens Health- Dr. Diana Leon

Richard & Mary Bucaro

Sponsor: $100.00

Father Brian McNamara

Bill Livingston

Friends: $50.00

Hurtado/Zeman Families

Timothy & Margaret Adams

Law Office of Allison M. Ramos

Gregory Thomaier, D.C., P.C.

Donations:

Joseph Benaburger

Sponsorship

Circle one

$500 Benefactor $250 Patron $ 100 Sponsor $50 Friends other _____

SSPJ School News!!!

Congratulations and a great big THANK YOU to the very talented SSPJ Drama Club! All of your hard work and dedication shined through in all of your performances!

Religious Education News

Communion Rehearsals:

Monday May 8th at 4:30pm
For the classes of : Koeplin, Portanova, Inserra, and Boyle

Wednesday, May 10th, 2017 at 4:30pm
For the classes of: Hauth, DeLeon , Kiladitis

Religious Ed Office will be closed: May 16, 2017

Catechists are asked to return their Catechist Covenant Agreements.

Thank you.

Congratulations to all the children, families who received First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 30th, 2017.

Sincere thanks to their Catechists, Paul & Rita Damato, Theresa Fischler, Kristine Byrne, Maria Brochard and MaryKate Snak.

Camp SSPJ Is Getting 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

May 14th - 5th Sunday of Easter —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

Acts 6:1-7 *Psalm 33*
1 Peter 2:4-9 *John 14:1-12*

Promises are meaningless unless the assurances are followed by deeds. We've all known people who talk a good game but never produce results. We ourselves must admit to times of making commitments, only to default when payment was due. Today's readings challenge our commitment to Christ. Christianity is a way of life in which actions speak louder than words.

Luke, in the passage from Acts, offers an example of how the painful reality of discrimination can become the occasion for community growth. The discrimination resulted from the unfair distribution of food between the Hellenist widows and the Hebrew widows. The two groups were separated not only by language but also by cultural and religious differences. The apostles, with community approval, chose seven assistants to solve the problem.

The second reading opens with an invitation to come to the Lord, a living stone. The Christians are called "living stones." The community is a temple and, as such, is required to lead a life of service. The result of their holiness must not be their departure to a sacred place but their involvement in action. Verse 9 describes the royal and priestly status of Christians: "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people ... ."

Maturity in faith is much more demanding than simply mouthing the words of our baptismal promises. To reject Satan, to believe in the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting -- these vows demand action. The gospel passage from John provides the course we are to follow: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

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Jn 14:6

For reflection…

The disciples didn't want Jesus to leave. Can you relate to this desire to be with the people you love? How is human love a reflection of divine love?

Thomas asks Jesus to show him the way, to give directions to where Jesus was going. Have you ever felt unsure of the way to Jesus? Jesus tells Thomas that He himself is the way. All we need to do is to know him. What helps you to know Jesus? When has your relationship with Jesus helped you to know which path to choose?

Jesus tells us if we believe in him we will do works greater than those he has done. What does this mean to you? What are your feelings about this statement?

The second reading invites us to be living stones and be built into a spiritual house. How have you experienced being a living stone?

The early church had to make changes to meet the needs of the times. What are needs in today's church?
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You, are God's chosen one

Spiritual Reflection by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

An Extraordinary Book

Dorothy Day is alleged to have said: Don't call me a saint; I don't want to be dismissed that easily! A new biography on her by her granddaughter, Kate Hennessy, *Dorothy Day – The World will be saved by Beauty: An Intimate Portrait of my Grandmother,* will, I believe, go a long way in preventing anyone from turning Dorothy Day, soon to officially canonized by the church, into what she feared, a plaster-saint who can be piously doted-upon and then not taken seriously.

We're all, I'm sure, familiar with who Dorothy Day was and what her life's work was about. Indeed, Pope Francis in addressing the US Congress, singled out four Americans who, he suggests, connected spirituality to a life of service in an extraordinary way: Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, and Dorothy Day. This new biography gives us an honest picture of who this remarkable woman actually was.

This book is extraordinary for a number of reasons: Kate Hennessy is a very good writer, the book is the product of years of research, she's Dorothy's granddaughter and had a very close and special relationship with her, and she manages in telling Dorothy's story to keep both a healthy critical and aesthetic distance. Her insight is both privileged and rare, privileged because of her intimate relationship with Dorothy and rare because most authors who are that intimately tied to their subject cannot maintain a balanced critical distance. Hennessy admits that doing this was no easy task: "That is the danger of holiness on your own doorstep, in your own family. Either you cannot see it for the view is too close, or if you do, you feel you haven't a chance of being the person she was. You feel it is a sad mistake that you are related."

And that combination makes for an extraordinary book that lets us see a side of Dorothy Day we would never see otherwise. Beyond this being a close-up of Dorothy Day, Hennessy shares stories about some of the key people surrounding Dorothy: Her relationship to the man who fathered her child, Foster Battenham, with whom she maintained a life-long friendship. Hennessy's biography shatters the myth that upon her conversion Dorothy coldly and forever turned her back upon this man. Not true. They remained close their whole lives and Foster, until her death, remained an intimate companion and a faithful supporter.

Central too to this biography is the story of Dorothy's daughter, Tamar, who, while vitally important in Dorothy's life, is unfairly absent in virtually everything that's known about Dorothy in the popular mind. Tamar's story, which holds its own richness and is not incidental to the history of the Catholic worker, is critical to understanding Dorothy Day. There's no understanding of Dorothy without understanding her daughter's story and that of her grandchildren. To understand Dorothy Day you also have to see her as a mother and grandmother.

Hennessy shares how, when her diaries were opened some years after Dorothy's death, Tamar initially was bitterly resistant to having them released for publication and how that resistance was only lifted when, thanks to the man who transcribed them, Robert Ellsberg, the family and Tamar herself realized that her resistance was rooted in the fact that Dorothy's diaries themselves were unfair in their neglect of Tamar's story and the role of her story within the bigger narrative of Dorothy's life, work, and legacy.

The book is a story too of some of the people who played key roles in founding the Catholic Worker: Peter Maurin, Stanley Vishnewski, and Ade Bethune.

This isn't a story that follows the classical genre for the lives of the saints, where form is often exaggerated to highlight essence and the result is an over-idealization that paints the saint into an icon. Hennessy highlights that Dorothy's faith wasn't a faith that never doubted and which walked on water. What Dorothy never doubted was what faith calls us to: hospitality, non-violence, and service to the poor. In these things, Dorothy was single-minded enough to be a saint and that manifested itself in her dogged perseverance so that at end she could say: "The older I get the more I feel that faithfulness and perseverance are the greatest virtues – accepting the sense of failure we all must have in our work, in the work of others around us, since Christ was the world's greatest failure."

That being said, her life was messy, many of her projects were often in crisis, she was forever over-extended, and, in her granddaughter's words: "She was fierce, dictatorial, controlling, judgmental, and often angry, and she knew it. It took the Catholic Worker, her own creation, to teach her her lessons."

This is hagiography as it should be written. It tells the story of how a very human person, caught-up in the foibles, weaknesses, and mess that beset us all, can, like St. Brigid, cast her cloak upon a sunbeam and see it spread until it brings abundance and beauty to the entire countryside.

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