Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2017

"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."

John 14:18

"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

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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,

In today's second reading St. Peter tells us:

"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope..."

How might you phrase your explanation? Might it refer to people – family members whose love and support have brought you through both difficult and joyful times? Friends who inspire you by their strength and compassion? Co-workers, neighbors, even strangers who by their actions reveal God's presence in our world? Perhaps your explanation might refer to experiences – times of crisis or of vulnerability or happiness when you realized – at the time or in hindsight - that Jesus meant what he said in today's gospel – ***"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."*** Or perhaps you might speak of the peace of Christ you've felt in quiet times of intimacy with Jesus. Why are we Apostles of Hope? Because we have been recipients of hope, and our God asks us to witness to that hope. Thank you for that witness. The parish of SSPJ is certainly included in my explanation for the hope I feel.

This weekend it is a delight to honor Lou Guerra at the school Gala as the recipient of the Anthony Weidner Award. If Lou knows the word "no", I've never heard him use it. Lou is a true Apostle of Hope. Much like the light now shining in the parish tower, Lou filters Light in so many ways. He trains all of our new altar servers - both children and adults. I have to confess a dream we share -- that some adult women will come forth to serve as acolytes! Lou regularly ministers himself as a server in the Ministry of Consolation and the times when he is not there coordinates the generosity of others who minister in that capacity. Lou is an usher at the Sunday 12 and during his term as Grand Knight of the SSPJ Council humbly, selflessly and generously placed himself at the service of the parish. THANKYOU, Lou, and your wonderful bride Peggy for your Christ like witness as you bless us with your sacrament.

Hopefully you are not only enjoying the many new instruments being played at the Sunday 10 but also the differing organ stops Margaret has been using at Mass! If you get the chance, please affirm her, the cantors and choir for their ministry to us. And better yet join in the song!! Perhaps we in the sanctuary have the best seats in the house and honestly, it's discouraging for all of us who try our best in liturgical ministry to see so many not joining in. I think Gandhi was on the mark when he said, "be the change you want to see".

Religious Education registration is now under way and is on a first come first serve basis due to logistical necessity. If you need a specific day or a special time, registration may be done on line and goes through June 30th. May I ask you to spread the word to friends who might not read the bulletin? I am excited about the Sunday Mass / liturgical participation components which will be part of next season's program for both Religious Ed students and in SSPJ School students.

Plans too are underway for our first parish summer raffle. Actually it's a must do, to cover the $40,000 snow removal bill and the three snow Sundays which severely affected the weekly collection. And for the parish, Christmas on a Sunday was no gift from Santa! Though I hate to speak about and ask for money, with this one I have no choice. I once again count on and thank you for your generosity to SSPJ.

This Thursday we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation. Can you imagine how Jesus' disciples felt at that time? After the devastation of his death and the joy of his resurrection, Jesus was leaving them – though he promises they will not be alone. He will be with them - and us - always, in a new and deeper way. Please check today's bulletin for Mass times.

As many of you know, technology and I are not the best of friends! So, I can sympathize with the following:

Customer to Tech Support: Hi, good afternoon, this is Martha. I can't print. Every time I try, it says 'can't find printer'. I've even lifted the printer and placed it in front of the monitor, but the computer still says it can't find it.

Customer: I can't get on the Internet.
Tech support: Are you sure you used the right password?
Customer: Yes, I'm sure. I saw my colleague do it.
Tech support: Can you tell me what the password was?
Customer: Five dots.

Tech support: How may I help you?
Customer: I'm writing my first email.
Tech support: OK, and what seems to be the problem?
Customer: Well, I have the letter 'a' in the address, but how do I get the little circle around it?

Peace, Father Tom

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

Sincere Thanks from Father Patrick

APPRECIATION

On behalf of my family, I am grateful for your condolences and the wonderful attendance at the Memorial Mass for my Father, John Opoku, and all the prayers for him. The event was splendid and your attendance was spectacular.

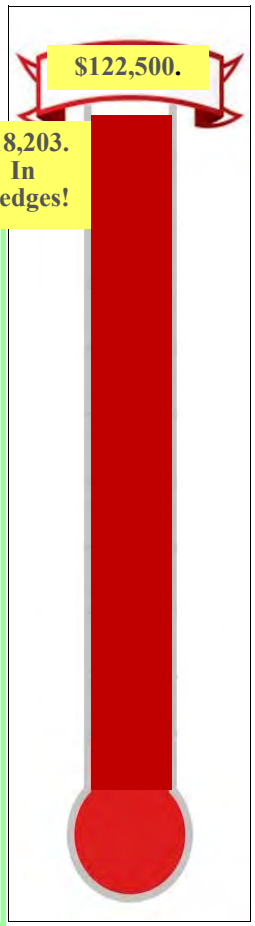
I am, also thankful to Fr. Tom, the rectory staff and all in the parish and beyond who showed so much love and concern to make the event fruitful. May God richly bless you for your sympathy, kind prayers and your generous support.

Fr. Patrick Osei-Poku

CMA UPDATE!!!!
It is With Sincere Gratitude

That We ARE AT 96% of GOAL!

SSPJ CMA 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 359 parishioners who have responded to this drive.

Their **pledges and contributions of $118,203** have enabled us to achieve 96% 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

SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of May 21st 2017

Sunday, May 21st, 2017

7:30am	Respect Life Baby Shower	School Lobby
9:00am	RCIA Weekly Session	SSPJ Cantina
10:00am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Church
11:15am	Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang	Auditorium
1:00pm	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Rm
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Monte Building

Monday , May 22nd 2017:

1:15pm	SSPJ Senior Group	Philip & James Rm
3:00pm	Girl Scout Meeting	Trailer Main Rm.
3:30pm	Camp CPR Training	Philip & James Rm.
7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting	Auditorium

Tuesday, May 23rd , 2017:

1:30pm	Spirit of Love Prayer Group	Prayer Rm in Church
4:30pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Choir Loft
7:30pm	Chords of Faith Rehearsal	Choir Loft
7:30pm	Boy Scout Leadership Meeting	Monte Building

Wednesday, May 24th, 2017:

10:00am	Yoga	Trailer Room
7:00pm	Youth Ministry	Trailer Room

Thursday, May 25th, 2017:

2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
6:00pm	Jr. Catholic Daughters Meeting	Philip & James Rm
7:00pm	SSPJ School Spring Concert	Auditorium
7:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church

Friday, May 26th, 2017:

3:00pm	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Wkshp
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Monte Building
8:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church

Saturday, May 27th, 2017:

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

The Ascension Of The Lord

Thursday, May 25, 2017 Is a Holy Day of Obligation

Mass schedule:

Wednesday, May 24,2017 at 5:00pm

Thursday, May 25, 2017
7:30am
9:15am
7:30pm

There will be a second collection for Diocesan Communications Next Weekend

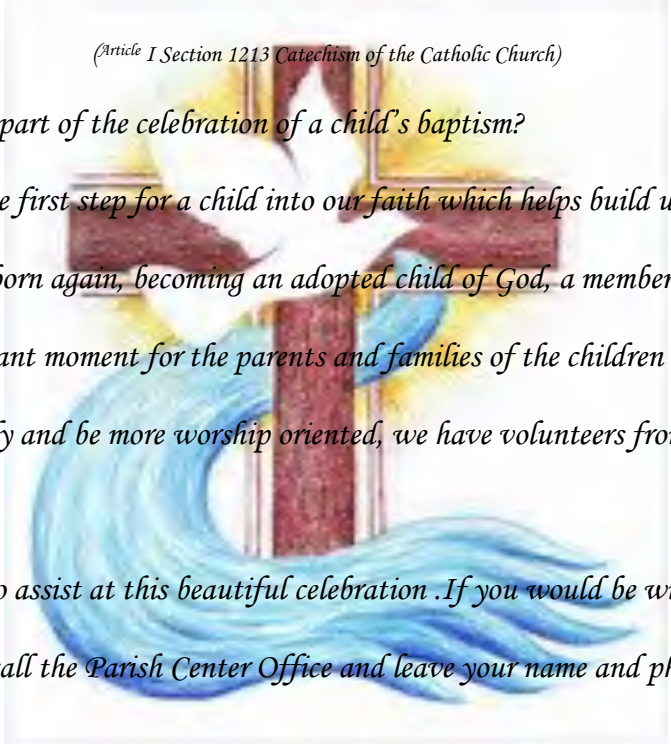
May 27th and May 28th, 2017

We Invite You…

To Visit
"The New SSPJ Website"
Visit www.sspj.org *For the latest, up to date information regarding Sts. Philip & James Parish!*

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.

Congratulations and WAY TO GO! To Our SSPJ Students at St. John The Baptist Diocesan High School

Summa Cum Laude Honors

Grace Cazzaniga
Julia Kormylo
Denis Sullivan
Lauren Bonomi
Megan Ferguson
Francesca Mollo
Kaela O'Leary
Julia Romanelli
Emily Shutowich

Magna Cum Laude Honors

Marilyn Theagene
Kathryn Dobkowski
Bradley deBoer
Katherine Plotas
Jessica Tucciarone

Cum Laude Honors

Ava Moncayo
Timothy O'Leary
Nicholas Lanciotti
Meghan Skakandi
Molly McGuire

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*? TODAY: 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.

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

Please note the Religious Education Office's weekly hours are Monday thru Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM the office will be closed on Wednesday, May 31st, Thursday, June 1st, and Friday, June 2nd. If you have any questions please call the office at 631-584-3204

Teen & Adult Volunteers Needed

Be a pal for a weekend,
work 1:1 with children from age 5 -18
who have experienced a loss

Good Shepherd Hospice Presents
Bob Sweeney's Camp HOPE

Friday July 14th-Sunday July 16th
Camp Alvernia, Centerport NY

Camp HOPE is a bereavement camp that transforms the lives of children who have experienced the loss of a close loved one in a fun & therapeutic environment.

For more information please contact volunteer services:
631.828.7611

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL GOLF OUTING: JUNE 12, 2017

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*
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_____ *Pin Flag Sponsorship (18) @ $125 each*

Checks made and mailed to:
Sts. Philp & James KofC Council #12839
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For credit card or PayPal visit website:
www.kofcsspj.org

Sponsorship Information:

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Mass Intentions, For Week of May 21st,2017

Saturday, May 20th, 2017

5:00pm	Thomas A. Logan

Sunday May 21st, 2017

8:00am	Mother's Day Novena
10:00am	Vincent Luna
12:00noon	Collective Mass & For The People of SSPJ
	Joseph & Grace Pellegrino
	Corinne Sbarbaro
	Anna Giannuzzi
	Mary Garguilo
	Eddie Rooney
	Sarafina Considine

Monday, May 22nd, 2017

7:30am	Mother's Day Novena
9:15am	William Beeman

Tuesday, May 23rd, 2017

7:30am	Robert Frank
9:15am	Paul Thomas Guidone

Wednesday, May 24th, 2017

7:30am	Joseph & Isabel O'Hara
9:15am	Roseanne Gordon
5:00pm	Guisseppi Giordano

Thursday, May 25th, 2017 The Ascension of the Lord

7:30am	Mary Garguilo
9:15am	Collective Mass:
	Philip Alaimo, Jr.
	Nicholas Thornton (Living)
	Louis Guida
7:30pm	Emil Orlando

Friday, May 26th, 2017

7:30am	Christine Byrne
9:15am	Frank Cafaro, Jr.

Saturday, May 27th, 2017

9:15am	Harrison Thrasher, Jr.
5:00pm	Vincenza & Nunzio Colantropo

Sunday, May 28th, 2017

8:00am	Frank Cafaro, Jr.
10:00am	John Pavelka
12:00noon	Collective Mass & For The People of SSPJ
	John (Jerry) Mohr
	Yuknis, LoPresti, Westrich & DiMartino Family
	Victor Valente
	Robert Frank
	Susan Louise Lawlor

Wedding Banns

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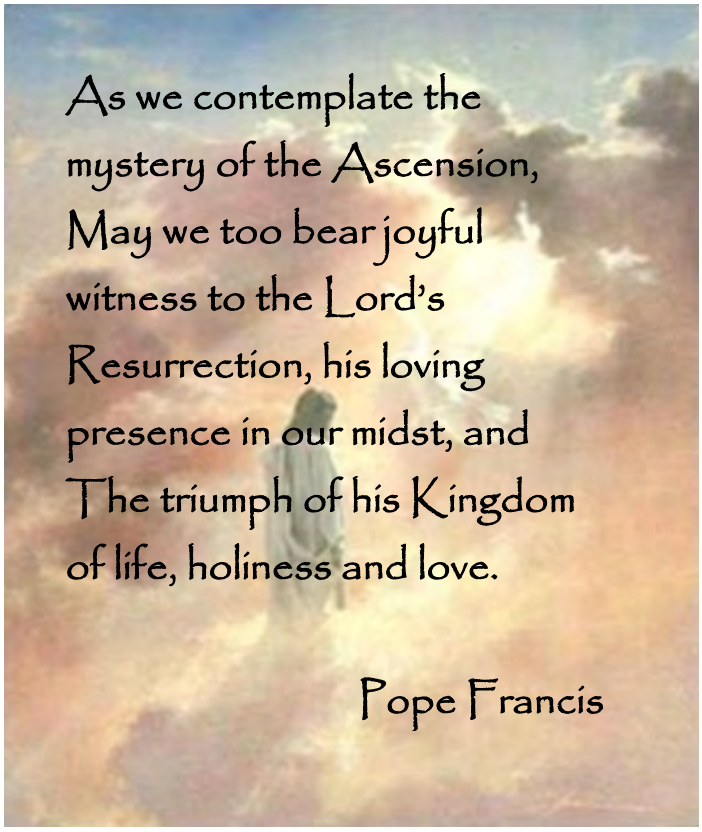
Brendan Ward
SSPJ
To

Casey Ann Gobetz
St Patrick's



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 Raymond Fox, Joe Alberigo, Eileen Zink

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.

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PFC. ANTHONY SCIAMETTA
MARIO CATANIA, USMC

Weekly Collection:

Easter Sunday, May 14th, 2017

Sunday Collection: $14,395.
Faith Direct: $3,823.
Children's Jug: $ 65.
Total Collection: $18,283.

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

Many thanks to all who came in the rain to honor *Our Lady of Fatima* on Saturday May 13th with prayer and song. It was a beautiful answer to Our Lady's request to PRAY,PRAY, PRAY. There will be on going opportunities for those who could not make . Next gathering will be on Tuesday June 13th.

SSPJ RESPECT LIFE ANNUAL BABY SHOWER

The Respect Life Committee will be holding its

ANNUAL BABY SHOWER
THIS WEEKEND
MAY 20th & 21st, 2017
IN THE SCHOOL LOBBY AFTER ALL THE MASSES.

(outside weather permitting)

Suggestions for needed items include baby clothes (new and gently used) for ages newborn to 4 years, diapers all sizes including size 4/5, wipes, formula, bottles (not the liner type, just the screw on nipple plastic bottle), legal cribs and car seats, baby shampoo, burping bibs, gifts for new mom's such as lotions and powder.

Any questions, please call 862-9370
Do not leave items in the church lobby at any time please call the phone number above for any needed pick up.

Celebrating the Liturgy- With Grateful Hearts We Serve

PRESIDER SCHEDULE–FOR May 27th & 28th ,2017

Saturday, May 27, 2017 5:00 PM	Sunday, May 28, 2017 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, May 28, 2017 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday May 28, 2017 12:00 MASS
Father Kevin Cronin	**Father Patrick Osei-Poku**	**Father Patrick Osei-Poku**	**Father Kevin Cronin**
	Deacon Ron	**Deacon John Keenan**	**Deacon John Keenan**

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE -FOR May 27th & 28th, 2017

Saturday, May 27, 2017	Sunday, May 28, 2017	Sunday, May 28, 2017	Sunday, May 28, 2017
5:00 PM MASS	**8:00 AM MASS**	**10:OO AM MASS**	**12:00 NOON MASS**
B. Carey	A. Dunn	P. Agoglia	M. Laub
N. Locastro	R. Fabian	G. Amen	E. Sotomayer
R. Piazza	C. Haff	D. Bleggi	M. Sehne
K. Consenz	W. Haff	R. Bleggi	M. Peykar
J. Giacalone	J. Harvey	T. Boboris	P. Roman
W. VanGostein	P. Kanuika	T. Cafaro	C. Zito
D. Earl	H. Keenan	L. Keane	G. Zito
M. Fox	M. Kenney	J. Kirdahy	B. Chandler
D. Toto	A. Mantia	J. Lavan	D. Coppola
P. Damato	C. Czujko	P. Rizzo	E. Law

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE -FOR May 27th & 28th, 2017

Saturday, May 27, 2017	Sunday, May 28, 2017	Sunday, May 28, 2017	Sunday, May 28, 2017
5:00PM MASS	**8:00AM MASS**	**10:00 AM MASS**	**12:00 NOON MASS**
S. McCalvin	K. Dobkowski	A. Nocera	A. Miloscia
A. DeVito	K. Illari	J. Ricupero	M. Miloscia
D. DeVito	T. Illari	J. Schultz	S. Santo
	B. Keese	K. Tomasic	D. Sanchez Ricon
	K. Keese	M. Tomasic	

LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR May 27th & 28th,2017

Saturday, May 27, 2017	Sunday, May 28, 2017	Sunday, May 28, 2017	Sunday, May 28, 2017
5:00 PM MASS	**8:00 AM MASS**	**10:00AM MASS**	**12:00 NOON MASS**
C. McAlvin	S. D'Agostino	E. Nicastro	E. D'Amelia
J. Borelli	C. Czujko	L. Just	K. Smith

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Benefactor- $500.00

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SSPJ 7TH GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

On May 16,2017 the 7th grade spent the day in New York City for their annual 7th grade class trip.

It was a full day of activities for the students and many of their parents. The group was on its way by 7AM!

Highlights of the day included a guided tour of NBC Studios where students and parents took part in an On Air video clip. A walk to St. Patrick's Cathedral for a self guided tour followed. The group then boarded the coach bus once again and departed for Lower Manhattan where they viewed the 911 Memorial. Ideal weather made the cruise aboard the Circle line a perfect addition to the day. The next stop was the Lower East Side Tenement Museum where students got to experience tenement life through one of two presentations. The day was completed with dinner at Jekyll and Hyde restaurant in Greenwich Village.

Upcoming events include SSPJ Fun Day and the annual 7-8th grade and annual trip to Gayner park.

RAFFLE

2017 Sts. Philip & James Car Raffle

1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

DONATION: 1 for $20 / 6 for $100

1st PRIZE:

Win a 2017 Mercedes-Benz CLA250 4MATIC®
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(Subject to Terms and Conditions of Lease Contract)

OR **$15,000**

2nd Prize: $250...3rd Prize: $100...4th Prize: $100...5th Prize: $100

Drawing will be held on Sunday, June 25, 2017. Sts. Philip and James Church, the last night of the Family Festival. Winner need not be present. Must be 21 years of age or over to participate. Thank you to Mercedes-Benz of Smithtown for their continuous generosity and support. In the event that less than 1,000 tickets are sold, prize becomes a 50/50 cash prize.

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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_____

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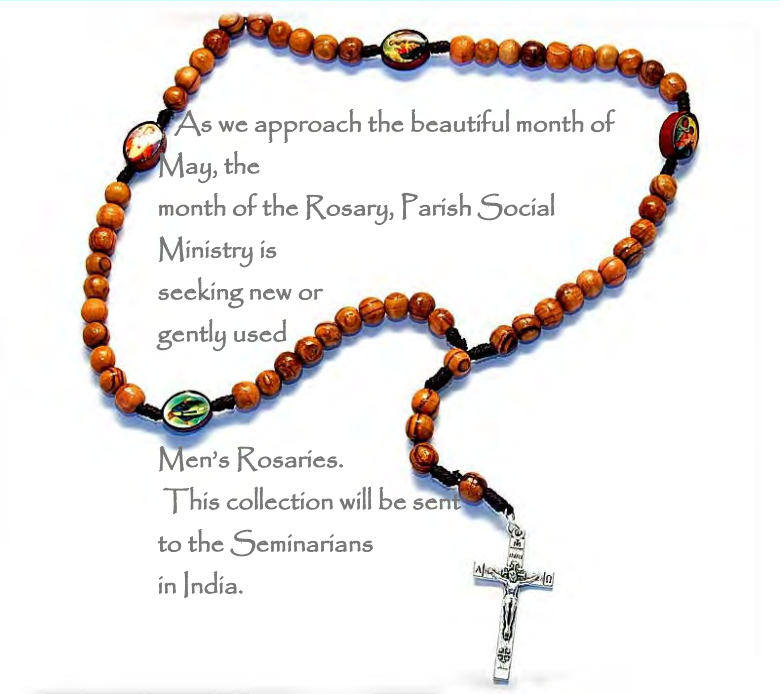
Parish Social Ministry

A Prayer for Seminarians

O Jesus, Eternal high Priest,
I offer you through Your Immaculate
Mother Mary, Your Own Precious Blood,
In all the Masses throughout the world,
As petition for graces for all seminarians,
Your Future priests.
Give them humility, meekness, prudence,
And a burning zeal for souls.
Fill their hearts with the gifts
Of the Holy Spirit.
Teach them to know and love the Church,
That they may always and everywhere
Speak, act, and think with her,
The glorious spouse of Christ.
Teach them generosity and detachment from
Worldly goods; but above all,
Teach them to know You and to love
The One and Only Eternal Priest.
Good Shepherd of Souls,
Here this my prayer for saintly priests.
Amen

Pope Francis



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. **

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 28th - 7th 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 1:12-14 *Psalm 27*
1 Peter 4:13-16 *John 17:1-11a*

Today's readings address the vital issue of prayer. We are introduced to the prayer of the early Church, the psalmist, and Jesus himself. This experience admits us to the realm where we put aside self-interest and focus on God. To pray is to see the world in a new way.

The apostles' return from Mount Olivet is described by Luke in the passage from Acts. The group is pictured in constant prayer; they seclude themselves in preparation for choosing a replacement for Judas. This atmosphere, filled with thoughts of God, also allows them to dwell on the coming of the Spirit.

Mary is prominently noted as the sole link with the early years of Jesus. She is the perfect disciple, the model of faith (see Luke 1:45; 8:19-21; 11:27-28). Mary also prayed at the birth of Jesus when she "treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart" (Luke 2:19), and after the loss in the Temple when she "treasured all these things in her heart" (Luke 2:51). Prayer has shown the world to Mary in a new light.

While at prayer we are invited not to dismiss our problems and worries but to view them as related to God. Like Mary, we ponder our puzzles in the presence of God. As the Jewish philosopher Abraham Heschel has written: "To pray is to bring God back into the world."

- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.
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For reflection…

Jesus prays for his disciples (and us) who remain in the world, knowing the challenges the world can present. When you experience a conflict between Christian values and certain values of society, how do you resolve the conflict? What helps you?

Jesus prayed to the Father and promised to send the Spirit as an advocate. In what ways has the Spirit helped you? helped the church? For what do you ask the Spirit at this time?

Under what circumstances are you most drawn to pray? What helps you to pray? Do you pray in different ways at different time? Do you "ponder" during prayer?

Does your prayer lead to action? Do your actions lead to prayer?

As the Easter season continues, what has been brought to new life in you?

Prayer…Open our eyes Lord…

Coming Full Circle – From Storybooks to Spirituality

My first love was literature, novels and poetry. As a child, I loved storybooks, mysteries and adventures. In grade school, I was made to memorize poetry and loved the exercise. High School introduced me to more serious literature, Shakespeare, Kipling, Keats, Wordsworth, Browning. On the side, I still read storybooks, cowboy tales from the old West, taken from my dad's bookshelf.

During my undergraduate university years, literature was a major part of the curriculum and I learned then that literature wasn't just about stories, but also about social and religious commentary; as well as about form and beauty as ends in themselves. In classes then we read classic novels: *Nineteen Eighty-Four, Lord of the Flies, Heart of Darkness, The Heart of the Matter, East of Eden*. The curriculum at that that time in Canada heavily favored British writers. Only later, on my own, would I discover the richness in Canadian, USA, African, Indian, Russian, and Swedish writers. I had been solidly catechized in my youth and, while the catechism held my faith, literature held my theology.

But after literature came philosophy. As part of preparation for ordination we were required to do a degree in Philosophy. I was blessed with some fine teachers and fell into first fervor in terms of my love of philosophy. The courses then heavily favored Scholasticism (Aristotle, Plato, Augustine, Aquinas) but we were also given a sound history of philosophy and a basic grounding in Existentialism and some of the contemporary philosophical movements. I was smitten; philosophy became my theology.

But after philosophy came theology. After our philosophical studies, we were required to take a four-year degree in theology prior to ordination. Again, I was blessed with good teachers and blessed to be studying theology just as Vatican II and a rich new theological scholarship were beginning to penetrate theological schools and seminaries. There was theological excitement aplenty, and I shared in it. In Roman Catholic circles, we were reading Congar, Rahner, Schillebeeckx, Schnackenburg, and Raymond Brown. Protestant circles were giving us Barth, Tillich, Niebuhr, and a bevy of wonderful scripture scholars. The faith of my youth was finally finding the intellectual grounding it had forever longed for. Theology became my new passion.

But after theology came spirituality. After ordination, I was given the opportunity to do a farther graduate degree in theology. That degree deepened immeasurably my love for and commitment to theology. It also landed me a teaching job and for the next six years I taught theology at a graduate level. These were wonderful years; I was where I most wanted to be, in a theology classroom. However, during those six years, I began to explore the writings of the mystics and tentatively launch some courses in spirituality, beginning with a course on the great Spanish mystic, John of the Cross.

My doctoral studies followed those years and while I focused on Systematic theology, writing my thesis in the area of natural theology, something had begun to shift in me. I found myself more and more, both in teaching and writing, shifting more into the area of spirituality, so much so that after a few years I could no longer justify calling some of my former courses in Systematic theology by their old catalogue titles. Honesty compelled me now to name them courses in spirituality.

And what is spirituality? How is it different from theology? At one level, there's no difference. Spirituality is, in effect, applied theology. They are of one and the same piece, either ends of the same sock. But here's a difference: Theology defines the playing field, defines the doctrines, distinguishes truth from falsehood, and seeks to enflame the intellectual imagination. It is what it classically claims itself to be: *Faith seeking understanding*.

But, rich and important as that is, it's not the game. Theology makes up the rules for the game, but it doesn't do the playing nor decide the outcome. That's role of spirituality, even as it needs to be obedient to theology. Without sound theology, spirituality always falls into unbridled piety, unhealthy individualism, and self-serving fundamentalism. Only good, rigorous, academic theology saves us from these.

But without spirituality, theology too-easily becomes only an intellectual aesthetics, however beautiful. It's one thing to have coherent truth and sound doctrine; it's another thing to give that actual human flesh, on the streets, in our homes, and inside our own restless questioning and doubt. Theology needs to give us truth; spirituality needs to break open that truth.

And so I've come full circle: From the story books of my childhood, through the Shakespeare of my high school, through the novelists and poets of my undergraduate years, through the philosophy of Aristotle and Aquinas, through the theology of Rahner and Tillich, through the scripture scholarship of Raymond Brown and Ernst Kasemann, through the hermeneutics of the Post-Modernists of my post-graduate years, through forty years of teaching theology, I've landed where I started – still searching for good stories that feed the soul.

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