Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 28, 2017

"I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord.

I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice."

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

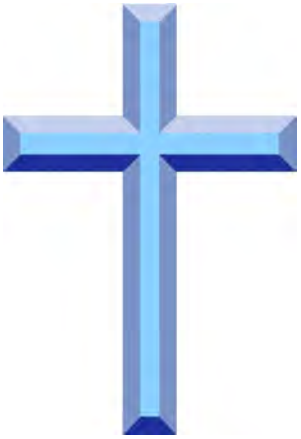
One Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

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

Pastoral Team

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



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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,

Do you remember the popular saying, "Today is the first day of the rest of your life"? It always seemed to me to be an encouraging, uplifting saying. We can begin again! I wonder, though, if the early disciples gathered after Jesus' ascension had different feelings.

> *The disciples of Jesus have a whole new life ahead of them. Acts tells us today that they returned to the upper room where the men and women followers of Jesus gathered in prayer. They would need that prayer as they pondered the next steps they would take. Their old life was over; their new life just beginning. ... The disciples aren't sure what's coming, but we know. The Spirit will come upon them and they will launch out into the world to proclaim Jesus Christ. There is something else we know that the gathered disciples don't. The road ahead of them is going to be rough.*
>
> (From: "First Impressions: 7th Sunday of Easter, Cycle A)

We know that they met those rough challenges, and grew in wisdom, courage and understanding. Today we too meet rough challenges as disciples of Jesus. Hopefully we too gather in prayer, seeking God's guidance and God's strength. And, as with the early disciples, God responds. There is no pain, no loss, no disappointment, no ending, that can escape God's touch and ability to transform. There is no part of our lives, or the world's, that we need be afraid to look at, no matter how dark and scary. For in Christ, we can find hope and new life. With Jesus, today is the first day of the rest of our lives!

This week I'll be on a silent retreat at the Jesuit Retreat House in Gloucester, Massachusetts. I'll be praying for all of you and for our life together at SSPJ, that like those disciples who we will remember next week on Pentecost that we might ever more become the Temples of God's presence. While I am away on retreat our favorite friar, Father Kevin, will be taking my place. He told me yesterday that he's lost twenty pounds and that his hair and eyebrows have miraculously turned brown again! So if you don't recognize the face but see a Franciscan habit –that's him!

Father Patrick will be taking his summer vacation and leaving on May 28th to go home to Ghana. With all of you I wish him a graced time with his family as they mourn the loss of his dad and share memories of how he blessed them. Have a great time, Pat! We look forward to your return on July 10th. You have the 7:30!

While Father Patrick is away we will again be graced by the delightful presence of Father Leo. As you remember, he was here last summer and captured the hearts of us all. Leo will be with us through August. Welcome home, your scholarliness!

And finally someone shared this with me today:

> *A Sunday school teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible, Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verses. Little Bobby was excited about the task but he just couldn't seem to learn the phrases. After much practice he barely got past the first verse. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 individually in front of the whole congregation, Bobby was so nervous! When it was his turn he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my shepherd and that's all I need!"*

Remember, wear RED next Sunday for Pentecost!

Peace,

Father Tom

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

Sincere Thanks from Father Patrick

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 97% 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 **364 parishioners who have responded** to this drive.

Their **pledges and contributions of $119,928** have enabled us to achieve

97% 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.

MANY THANKS!

The Respect Life Committee would like to thank all those who donated so generously to our recent Baby Shower.
As always the parishioners of SSPJ were very generous and your kindness is greatly appreciated by all the lives it has touched.

GOD BLESS YOU ONE AND ALL!

From the Pastoral Council

NOMINATIONS FOR THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Saints Philip and James Parish is truly alive with many faith-filled programs and activities, ministering to the many needs of the people of this community. However, there is more to parish life than filling the calendar with activities. A parish needs to be aware of a larger vision, a vision that stems from the Gospel of Jesus and is responsive to the tradition of our Catholic Church. From this vision comes a clearer sense of our own particular mission, which is to be carried out in Saint Philip and James Church; with Philip and James, we pray to live lives worth of the call to be Apostles of Hope.

Our Pastoral Council is made up of the Pastor, ten parishioners, two appointed youth group leaders and the two parish trustees. Terms for parishioners are for three years and the youth group members are for one year selected by the Youth Minister. Each member should be an active, believing member who has a sense of responsibility for all parishioners, not just for one particular group or segment within the parish. Members should possess an enthusiasm about future directions of the parish, be open to new ideas and come with a willingness to listen, speak honestly and work towards a common goal. Meetings occur seven times throughout the calendar year (September through May/June).

Process of Nomination:

*Two members of the council will be stepping down as their term expires; two vacancies are needed to Be fulfilled.

*If nominating a fellow parishioner, please submit the person's name and contact information. Individual nominations are accepted if you feel so called by the Lord.

*Please fill out the form below in its entirety.

*All nomination forms should be placed in an envelope with the attention of the Pastoral Council Chair and submitted to the Rectory Office as soon as possible.

*Deadline to submit is Sunday June 7, 2017.

*The chair of the council will contact the nominees to see if they are willing to serve.

*The Pastoral Council will meet in June to see which two nominees would best bring about a balance In the overall makeup of the council so that all interests and age groups of the parish are fairly represented.

Detach this form and place in an envelope marked to the attention of Pastoral Council Chair. Thank You!

I believe the following parishioner is suited for service on the Pastoral Council:

_____

Contact Phone and E-mail of Nominee: _____

Please offer reasons for your recommendation (please use back of the sheet if needed more space):

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SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of May 28th, 2017

Sunday, May 28th, 2017

7:45am	Guild Car Raffle Sale	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 29th, 2017: Memorial Day

Parish Center Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 30th , 2017:

1:30pm	Spirit of Love Prayer Group	Prayer Rm in Church
6:00pm	Chords of Faith Year End Party	Cantina
7:30pm	Boy Scout Leadership Meeting	Monte Building

Wednesday, May 31st, 2017:

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

Thursday, June 1st, 2017:

2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:30pm	Pre-Baptism Class	Philip & James Rm

Friday, June 2nd, 2017:

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

Saturday, June 3rd, 2017:

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

St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center in Partnership with the Parish of St. James in Setauket will be conducting a burial service for families of babies lost through miscarriage.

The Prayer Service will be held on

Saturday, June 10, 2017

For more information, kindly contact the St. Catherine Pastoral Care Office at 631-862-3104.

There will be a second collection for Diocesan Communications This Weekend

May 27th and May 28th, 2017

Wedding Banns

First
Daniel Settoducato
SSPJ
To
Ashley Furia
St. Anthony of Padua, Rocky Point

Weekly Collection:

Sunday, May 22nd, 2017

Sunday Collection: $13,011.
Faith Direct: $3,823.
Children's Jug: $ 32.
Total Collection: $16,866.

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

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

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

Please note the Religious Education Office's weekly hours are Monday thru Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM 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

Parish Social Ministry

CATHOLIC CHARITIES – EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are always looking for individuals to join our mission and offer "Care with Dignity…Life with Hope."

PART-TIME PSYCHIATRIST – MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE CLINICS – Medford, Bay Shore and Commack – flexible hours
Evaluate and diagnose patient illness, and write and/or participate in a plan of care for each individual.
Prescribe and monitor psychotropic medications.
Prepare progress notes and perform quarterly treatment plan reviews.

Consult with patient family members, agencies, and others regarding patient's status and progress.

MUST BE BOARD CERTIFIED WITH NYS LICENSE.

To apply, transmit resume & cover letter via email or fax. **Please reference "Part-time Psychiatrist" in the subject line of your email/fax.** Email: jobs@catholiccharities.cc or fax to: 516.733.7038.

For a full listing of jobs and their descriptions, please go to: ***www.catholiccharities.cc*** *and click on the "jobs" tab.*
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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*
_____ *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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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®
2 Year Lease

(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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2017 SSPJ School Guild Gala Sponsors

Benefactor- $500.00

Deacon Ken Maher: St. James Funeral Home
Dr. John F. Romanelli

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
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T.J.E Dance Force

Sponsor: $100.00

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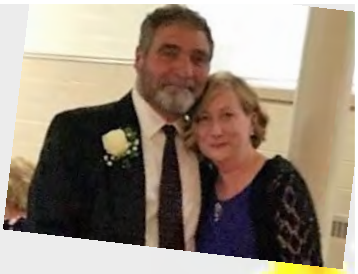
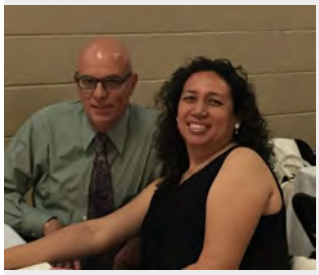


ODE TO LOU GUERRA

Lou Guerra is getting the Weidner Award tonight,
Quite a great honor and a much-deserved delight;
Lou is the SSPJ welcoming, smiling face,
That shows all that by the parish they are embraced;
No matter how difficult and tedious the task,
Lou will stick with it until it is done at last;
In his vocabulary, one word does not exist, No,
He is always willing to help either friend or foe;
From Council, altar serving, usher and Knight,
Lou can be found involved both day and night;
So, congratulations, Lou, and thanks for all that you do,
Sts. Philip & James would not be the same without you.

Author: R. Byrne



Mass Intentions, For Week of May 28th,2017

Saturday, May 27th, 2017

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

Monday, May 29th, 2017

7:30am	Frances Alessandro
9:15am	John J. Kelly

Tuesday, May 30th, 2017

7:30am	Maria & Heinrich Schmidt
9:15am	Lorraine Grippi

Wednesday, May 31st, 2017

7:30am	Gladys McCann
9:15am	Patricia Corrigan

Thursday, June 1st, 2017

7:30am	Emil Orlando
9:15am	Collective Mass:
	Michael J. Flood
	Earl Scott, Jr.

Friday, June 2nd, 2017

7:30am	Robert Frank
9:15am	Vincent Luna

Saturday, June 3rd, 2017

9:15am	Timothy V. Sullivan, Sr.
5:00pm	John McHugh

Sunday, June 4th, 2017

8:00am	Frank Cafaro, Jr.
10:00am	Stephen DuBon
12:00noon	Collective Mass & For The People of SSPJ
	Donald Abruzzo
	Rev. Otto Froehlich
	Samuel Eveleno
	Margaret Castiglie
	June Johanson

Keeping You In Our Prayers....

For those who are ill...

John Flemming, Daniel Radice,, Eva Alaimo,
Kitty Cronin, Vivien Cordes
Raymond Fox, Joe Alberigo, Eileen Zink,
Louis Giordano, Grace Giordano,
Barbara Bombace ,Karl Walz

LCDR. MEGAN M. SHUTKA-VIK, USN
CAPT. WILSON MARKS, USN
CAPTAIN MICHAEL DOLAN, JR.
LT. COL. JOHN KAIRES
SPC. NICOLE A. CANNON
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CAPT. JOHN TULLY, USN
LT. COL. JAMES TULLY, US ARMY
JOSEPH SAGGIO, USNC
CAPTAIN PAUL WILLMS
STAFF SGT. MICHAEL LONGHENRY
LT. COL. PAUL T. JACKSON,
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RICHARD SOTOMAYER, USAF
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SGT. CORY O'HARA USMC
CDR. ROBERT J. MARSH, USN
PFC. CHARLES CHRISTOPHER HOWELL
JOHN VINCENT KNOBLOCH, USMC
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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
RYAN ANTHONY NASCIMENTO, U.S.M.C.

Celebrating the Liturgy- With Grateful Hearts We Serve

PRESIDER SCHEDULE–FOR June 3rd & 4th ,2017

Saturday, June 3, 2017 5:00 PM	Sunday, June 4, 2017 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, June 4, 2017 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday June 4, 2017 12:00 MASS
Father Tom Haggerty	**Father Leo**	**Father Tom Haggerty**	**Father Leo**
Deacon Ron	**Deacon Ron**	**Deacon John**	**Deacon John**

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE -FOR June 3rd & 4th, 2017

Saturday, June 3, 2017	Sunday, June 4, 2017	Sunday, June 4, 2017	Sunday, June 4, 2017
5:00 PM MASS	**8:00 AM MASS**	**10:OO AM MASS**	**12:00 NOON MASS**
N. Locastro	M. Koke	B. Carey	M. Laub
K. Consenz	D. Mulhall	R. Fabian	P. Rizzo
J. Giacalone	S. McKie	K. Rapp	E. Law
W. Van Gostein	M. Morbillo	P. Agoglia	M. Peykar
C. Lombardi	G. Beisel	G. Amen	C. Zito
G. Alfano	L. Beisel	D. Bleggi	G. Zito
I. Arevalo	P. Damato	R. Bleggi	B. Chandler
C. Boyen	R. Doda, Sr.	T. Boboris	J. Hanrahan
J. Primavera	W. Ramos	T. Cafaro	M. Hoonhout
L. Taurassi	C. Czujko	R. Fabian	B. Chandler

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE -FOR June 3rd & 4th, 2017

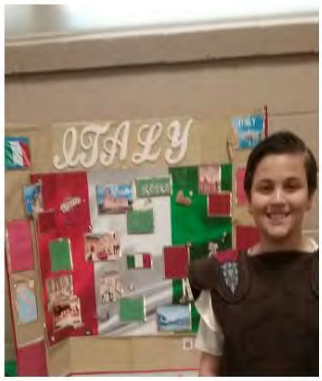
Saturday, June 3, 2017	Sunday, June 4, 2017	Sunday, June 4, 2017	Sunday, June 4, 2017
5:00PM MASS	**8:00AM MASS**	**10:00 AM MASS**	**12:00 NOON MASS**
M. Pappas	J. Auletta	C. Donnelly	A. Romero
A. Suchy	L Auletta	S. Donnelly	G. Romero
A. Balocca	A. Willman	B. Roberts	S. Santo
R. Greene	B. Willman	A. Kaiser	C. Tsoumpelis
V. Scarpelli	L. Willman	N. Fazzini	

LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR June 3rd & 4th,2017

Saturday, June 3, 2017	Sunday, June 4, 2017	Sunday, June 4, 2017	Sunday, June 4, 2017
5:00 PM MASS	**8:00 AM MASS**	**10:00AM MASS**	**12:00 NOON MASS**
L. Halluska	E. Nicastro	B. Luna	A. Kaiser
A. Gelfand	E. Dobres	J. Contrino	P. Geier

SSPJ 6TH GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

World Cultures Day 6th grade! Another wonderful event this year. The presentations and food were great! Good job!



Sts. Philip & James

2017 Family Festival

June 22nd – 25th

Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Please consider one of our 2017 Family Festival sponsorship opportunities

Festival Sponsor:

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

Ride Sponsor:

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

Family Festival Supporter:

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

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

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

New!

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

Become a Sponsor

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

Please return no later than June 13th.

Name_____

Address_____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Please list our donation as follows:_____

Amount Enclosed:_____

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

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
Roger.Sullivan@chsli.org

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.

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Getting Ready for Next Sunday

June 4th - Feast of Pentecost - 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 Bible, then on the date.

Reflections on Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Acts 2:1-11 *Psalm 104*
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13 *John 20:19-23*

The Scriptures for this Solemnity of Pentecost highlight the role of the Holy Spirit in the Christian community. The movement of the Spirit in people results in gifts and talents. This movement does not reach its end in individuals. Rather, it is supposed to have a ripple effect so that our unique abilities promote the common good. Clearly, the Spirit forms community.

Pentecost signals the start of the universal mission of the Church. It is a mission that overcomes human obstacles and has the Spirit as its driving force. The disciples received the Spirit and began speaking to different audiences in their own tongues. From these many different peoples and populations a Christian community was emerging.

Paul's Corinth was a community whose chief characteristic was division. The community believed in rugged individualism. Personal talents were flaunted rather than shared. In the face of this diversity of gifts, works, and ministries, Paul stressed unity. Paul argued that the gifts were all expressions of the same Spirit and given for the common good.

In John's Gospel, the gift of the Spirit is anticipated when Jesus addresses the disciples with "peace." Jesus then proceeds to breathe upon them, suggesting a new creation (see Genesis 2:7). The reception of the Spirit empowers the disciples to forgive or retain sins. Sin, for John, is basically the refusal to believe in Jesus. Hence, the Spirit-filled disciples will challenge people to decide for or against Jesus.

When we raise the issue of gifts and talents, we tend to limit them to professional people in show business, sports, music, and so forth. Our perspective should be broader. Patience, understanding, and consolation are all gifts we possess. Wherever one uses such gifts for the community, the Spirit is obviously present.

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

Jesus again greets the disciples (and us) with "Peace be with you". He also sends them and us to do the same. In what ways might we share the peace of Christ with others at home? in the parish? beyond the parish?

How were the disciples different after the Spirit's arrival? In your life do you tend to see the Holy Spirit as dynamic and constant? Are you different when you are confident that the Spirit is with you?

How do the gifts of the Spirit (knowledge, wisdom, understanding, reverence, courage, right judgment and awe and wonder in the presence of God) touch your life? Which of these gifts do you feel you most need at this time?

People were amazed because the Spirit let everyone understand what they said. Was the miracle in the speaking or the hearing? How does the Holy Spirit use the miracle of hearing within you?

Spiritual Reflection by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

When Does Faith Disappear?

When Friedrich Nietzsche declared that "God is dead" he added a question: *What kind of a sponge does it take to wipe away a whole horizon?*

I often ask that question because just in my own lifetime there has been an unprecedented decline in the number of people who go to church regularly and, more recently, an equally unprecedented spike in the number of people who claim to have lost their faith completely and are now classified under a religious category called, "None".

This latter group (persons who when asked about their religious affiliation on a census form answer with the word, *None)* has essentially doubled in the last twenty years and today in Canada and the USA make up over 30% of the population. The numbers are much the same for Western Europe and other secularized parts of the world.

But have these individuals really lost their faith? When they use the word "None" to refer to their religious beliefs they generally explain that with phrases to this effect: *I just no longer believe! It doesn't make sense to me anymore! I've lost faith in religion and the church! I can't pretend any longer! I've lost my faith in those beliefs! I'm not sure whether or not I believe in God!*

What's common among all these phrases is the concept of "believing" or "belief": "*I just don't believe it anymore!"* But is ceasing to believe in something the same thing as losing one's faith? Not necessarily. It can be one thing to no longer believe in something, but it can be something quite different to lose one's faith. To cease believing in a set of faith propositions doesn't necessarily equate with losing one's faith. Indeed, the loss of one's belief system is often the condition for a purified faith.

How is belief different from faith? In normal, everyday parlance to say that we believe something to be true means that we are able to square that truth with our imagination, that is, we are able to somehow circumscribe it imaginatively so that it makes sense to us. Conversely, if we cannot picture how something might make sense then it is a short step to say that it isn't true. Our beliefs are predicated on what we can square with our imagination and our thinking.

But many of the objects of our faith are, in essence and by definition, unimaginable, ineffable, and beyond conceptualization. Hence in the area of faith, to say that I can't believe this or that is generally more an indication of the limitation of our imagination and our rational powers than it is indicative of the loss of faith. I believe that we are much more agnostic about our beliefs than we are agnostic about God, and this isn't a loss of faith.

Faith is deeper than belief, and it is not always something we can picture imaginatively inside our minds. Take, for instance, a number of articles in the *Apostles' Creed*: It is impossible to imagine them as true in terms of picturing them as real. They are real, but our images of them are only icons. That is true too of many articles within our Christian creed and many of our written doctrines of faith. As expressed, they are merely images and words that point us towards something which we cannot imagine because it is beyond imagination.

For example: The first thing, always, that needs to be said about God is that God is ineffable, that is, God is beyond all conceptualization, beyond all imaginings, beyond being pictured, and beyond being captured in any adequate way by language. This is also true for our understanding of Christ as the Second Person in the Trinity. Jesus was God's son, but how can that to be imagined or pictured? It can't be. How can God, who is one, be three? This isn't mathematics; it's mystery, something that cannot be imaginatively circumscribed. Yet, we believe it and millions and millions of people for two thousand years have risked their lives and their souls on its truth without being able to picture it imaginatively. Faith is a knowing of something which, because of its magnitude and infinity, cannot be adequately pictured in terms of an imaginative construct. Our words about it express our beliefs and those words point to the reality, but they are not the reality.

To reject a specific piece of art does not mean we reject beauty. So when someone says, *I can no longer believe this,* he is in effect rejecting a set of propositions, a set of particular icons and a theory of art (a theology), rather than actually rejecting belief in God, and he is rejecting it precisely because he cannot imaginatively picture something which in fact cannot be pictured.

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