



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

## Fourth Sunday of Lent March 11, 2018



*"Let my tongue be silenced,  
If I ever forget you!"*

*Psalm 137*

*"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

***Parish Center Office Hours:***

*Sunday ~ Closed*  
*Monday: 9am-8pm*

*Tuesday & Wednesday: 9am-5pm*  
*Thursday: 9am-8pm*


*Friday: 9am-12 Noon*  
*Saturday: 10am-2pm*

*Parish Center Phone ~ 631-584-5454*

*Parish Center Fax~ 631-862-9675*

*Web ~ [www.sspj.org](http://www.sspj.org)*

**Pastoral Team**

Father Tom Haggerty		Pastor
Father Patrick Osei-Poku		Associate Pastor
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Deacon John Keenan		Deacon
Deacon Ken Maher		Deacon
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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

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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 RCLIA.

**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 Center Office.

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

## Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

Today, the fourth Sunday of Lent, traditionally was known as Laetare Sunday. Laetare is Latin for "joy". In a season of fasting, prayer and abstinence, it's easy to forget that one of the liturgical prayers we pray at Mass thanks God, saying, ***"each year you give us this joyful season."*** The Lenten season recalls the fact that God chooses to restore, heal, forgive, raise up and save rather than what we might expect: punish for sin. God's plan which we hear today is "that the world might be saved through Christ." All of Lent then, is not about our making up for the sins of the past (they are forgiven), nor trying to persuade God to love us (we are loved beyond all telling), but Lent is a joyful preparation to celebrate and take in the freedom Christ has won for us. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God."

This weekend we join in prayer for those couples in the parish preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage who are participating in Pre Cana. They will receive a blessing at the 12 pm Mass and are assured of our prayers as their journey toward Marriage continues.

We are very happy to congratulate the Girls Scouts who have been awarded the Jesus Loves Me Award and the Regina Coeli Award. We will be blessing these awards at the 10:00am mass. The girl's names are listed a little further in the bulletin. Kudos, girls! We are so proud of your accomplishments!

Please take note of the inspirational works of some of our Religious Education Students as they reflect upon the question: ***"How do you shine your light?"*** Found on the Religious Education page, their responses are quite encouraging.

As you can see the thermostat is rising on our CMA thermometer. Many thanks to all who have already pledged to be the Hands of Mercy. Thanks to the generosity of so many, we have always been able to Be the Light, our Lenten theme, and foster so many good works throughout Nassau and Suffolk. If you are able, please help us reach our goal by Easter.

And, a joke to perhaps be offered up for Lent?

*A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said,  
'Would you like to say the blessing?'  
'I wouldn't know what to say,' the girl replied.  
'Just say what you hear Mommy say,' the wife answered.  
The daughter bowed her head and said,  
'Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?'*

Peace,

*Father Tom*

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

**SECOND COLLECTION: THIS WEEKEND: MARCH 10TH & 11TH,**  
**FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

Today, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad.

*Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise.*

Learn more about the collection at

[www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**



***It's Time!!***

***For the Catholic Daughters Annual  
St. Patrick's Bake Sale!***

***This weekend, March 10th & 11th after all  
masses***

***For the best baked goods in town,  
Please visit them in the school lobby!!***

**Spring Ahead This Weekend!!**



Congratulations to the following Girl Scouts  
who have earned the  
**Jesus Loves Me Award:**

*Abigail Propper  
Ava Davis  
Ella Monaco  
Erin Kieran  
Fiona O'Connor  
Gabriella D'Agastino  
Jovianna Keenan  
Juliana Merlino  
Kadence Propper  
Mackenzie Cartwright  
Reilly Williams  
Rosalia Radosta  
Sarah Cullen  
Sarah Franco*

*Gabriella DiConza  
Has earned the Regina Coeli Award*

This award will be presented by the Bishop at the  
Convocation On May 5, 2018

We, as your parish family are so very proud of  
your hard work, dedication and faith! Great job!

**Attention Extraordinary Ministers**  
**of Holy Communion**



***If you are able to assist at  
any of our Palm Sunday or  
Easter Sunday masses,  
Kindly sign up on the sign in  
sheet located inside the closet  
door of the prayer room.***

***Many thanks for your generosity,  
time, and dedication.***





# Our Lenten Journey ... "Be the Light" ~Reflections

*We have asked a few Youth Ministry members to offer a few words to encourage us all to  
"Be Light" this Lenten season*

Every year on the Youth Group's annual retreat, we do a candle walk from the main lodge to the cafeteria. And somehow, it always seems to end up on a cold and windy night. This is always one of my favorite moments of the entire year because it reminds me of what we are supposed to be like in life. The wind blowing out your candle is like you straying from the path of God.

***"Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going." -John 12:35***

When we get swept up in the craziness of our lives, it is really easy to lose sight of what really matters. For the candle walk, that may just be the ground in front of you, but in life, we can become distant from God.

However, there are people who are going to help us. On retreat, the people next to us are more than willing to help a friend, or even somebody they don't know yet, by using their own candle to relight another's.

***"A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle." -James Keller***

They simply have nothing to lose from helping somebody out. There are people in our lives who are more than willing to help us, to guide us back to the way of the Lord. Most of these times, these people are friends and family, but they don't have to be. You have nothing to lose by offering your help to a stranger.

God does his work through us, his children. This means that we are beacons of his light for those who don't know his love yet.

***"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path" -Psalm 119:105***

If we spread the word of the Lord, we can help another find the path that God created for them. Those who are lost, wandering in the dark, can find their way home. Our kindness, our love, is God's light.

This Lenten season, I encourage you to find new ways to "Be the Light". If we all shine with God's light, just imagine how bright the world will become.

Michael McCreesh  
Youth Leader ~ Senior Smithtown High School East

## Lent A Time To Prepare ...

**Stations of the Cross** Friday evenings at 7:30pm in the Church

**Friday, March 16th** **The Cross and Human Hungers**

(Praying with those hungering for food, for work, for security, for companionship, for hope)

**Friday, March 23rd** **The Cross and the World Around Us**

(Praying amidst violence and peace, hunger and abundance, prejudice and respect, poverty and hope)

**Friday, March 30th** **The Cross and Jesus**

(The Youth Group guides us through "The Living Stations", as we pray to journey

with Jesus In the way Jesus did

With faith, with love, with commitment to others)

O God, you are my God ---  
for you I long!  
For you my body yearns;  
for you my soul thirsts,  
Like a land parched, lifeless,  
and without water.  
So I look to you in the sanctuary  
to see your power and glory.  
For your love is better than life;  
my lips offer you worship!  
I will bless you as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands, calling  
on your name.  
My soul shall savor the rich banquet  
of praise,  
with joyous lips my mouth  
shall honor you!

Psalm 63



**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Friday Evenings**

**At 8PM In The Church**

# JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



Court Anna Theresa #1074

Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

From 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Sts. Philip & James School Playground

Ages 2-8

Join in games and activities!

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name and Age \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name and Age \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return form in an envelope marked "JCDA Egg Hunt" to  
the Parish Center by March 19th*

As we all know sometimes weather doesn't agree with our plans. Unfortunately,  
the event will be cancelled if inclement weather occurs. Parents/Guardians, please  
supervise your children as items in eggs may be a choking/allergy hazard.

For more information please contact  
Patricia Custodio at [patcusto@optonline.net](mailto:patcusto@optonline.net)



*Supporting Dramatic Missionary Growth  
on Long Island and Beyond*

# Hands of Christ's Mercy



## Hands of Christ's Mercy

Your gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal help us to be the **Hands of Christ's Mercy** by helping our Church expand our services to the disadvantaged and underserved, enhance our children's religious and academic educations, support vocations, and strengthen our services to families.

*"Each of us must respond to the gift of mercy in our hearts by getting up and putting mercy into action."*

- Pope Francis

2018 Goal  
**\$119,700**

**Pledges at 3/7/18**  
**\$58,430.**

For more information on any of the Ways to Give, please call the CMA office at 516-678-5800 ext. 296.  
Checks should be made payable to the “Catholic Ministries Appeal.”  
Diocese of Rockville Centre □ PO Box 4000 Rockville Centre, NY 11571-4000  
**For More Information please visit: <http://www.catholicministriesappeal.org/>**

## *Music Ministry*

*In honor of the feast day of St. Patrick on March 17 we will be singing, as our Presentation Hymn, Lord of all Hopefulness # 403 in the Music Issue. The words are not attributed to St. Patrick but the tune is a traditional Irish melody. Specifically an Irish folksong. The tune is associated with the town of Slane which is in County Meath, Ireland. The words talk of God being always with us, through the day.*

*Next weekend we have another St. Patrick hymn and a St. Joseph hymn for his feast day on March 19.*

*Soooo stay tuned more to come.*



# Camps 'R' Us Next Open House, April 22nd, 2018



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**LEARN MORE  
877-850-CAMP  
CampsRUs.org**

**OPEN HOUSE**  
Saturday, March 10, 12:30-2:30p  
Sunday, April 22, 11:30a-1:30p  
Saturday, May 19, 12:30-2:30p  
@ Ss. Philip & James School  
359 Clinton Ave., St. James

**FUN**

**FIELD TRIPS**

**FRIENDSHIPS**

**LONG ISLAND WORKFORCE DISCOUNTS!**  
ASK ABOUT EMPLOYEE DISCOUNTS FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES  
AND SSPJ PARISHIONERS AND STUDENTS!

## Happenings Around Town

Christ the King Roman Catholic Church  
2 Indian Hill Road Commack

Lenten Concert  
Seven Last Words of Christ

Sunday, March 18, 2018 7pm in church

Free will donation  
Info: 631-864-1623

Learn to be Tobacco Free

St Catherine of Siena Nursing Center

March 13, 20 & 27 April 3, 10 & 17 and May 1.

6-7pm

Info: 631-853-2928



## SSPJ 2018 Parish Lenten Project: "Raise the Roof" *We are the Light*

*During this Season of Lent,*

*Any donations made to the Children's Jug will be donated to our "Raise the Roof" Lenten project!*

*Thank you to all our children and families who support this effort!*



Let us "Light the Way" for our brothers and sisters in Nahinso, Ghana by helping them to place a roof upon the substation church that they began building in 2014.

Our very own, Father Patrick began this effort before he left Ghana.

Since he left, they have been unable to obtain the needed support to continue this very important effort.

If you wish to contribute to this effort:

**Checks are made payable to : SSPJ PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY**  
**In the Memo Section: WRITE: GHANA**

Just a thought...  
How about recycling bottles and  
donating to "Raise the Roof"



6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

### *The Voice of Catholic Women*

*Three women will witness to their faith.*

**Saturday, March 24, 2018**

**9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception  
440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743

*We look forward to hearing everyone's story!*

**Join Us For:**

Morning Prayer in the Chapel, Presentations, Conversations and a Festive Luncheon

**Offering: \$25.00**

For more information or to preregister visit our website: [www.drvc-faith.org](http://www.drvc-faith.org)



### **Help Is Needed at :**

Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen  
Located in: St. James Catholic Church, Setauket

**NEEDED IMMEDIATELY:**

**A COOK FOR THE SUNDAY MEAL**

**WHEN:**

**EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

If interested, kindly contact: Dan Liddy  
at 631-751-2869

## Religious Education News for the Week of March 11th, 2018

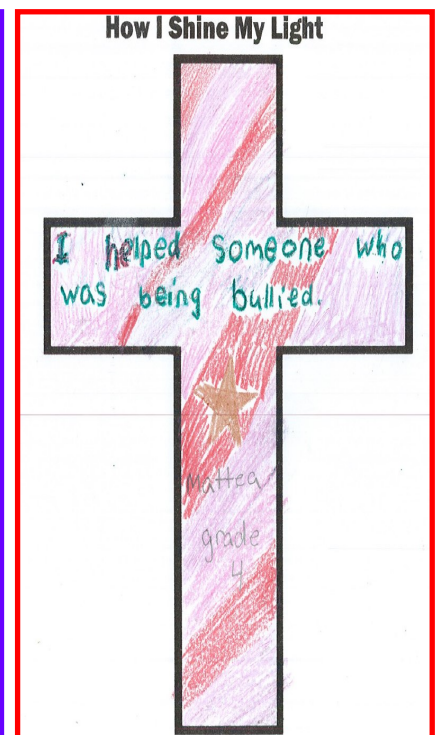
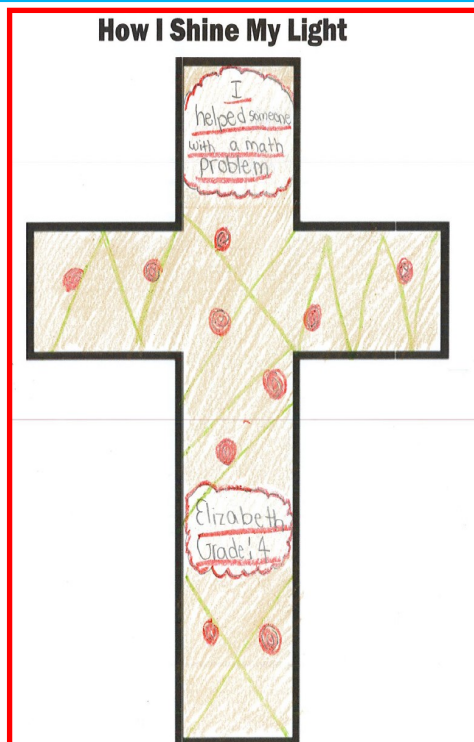
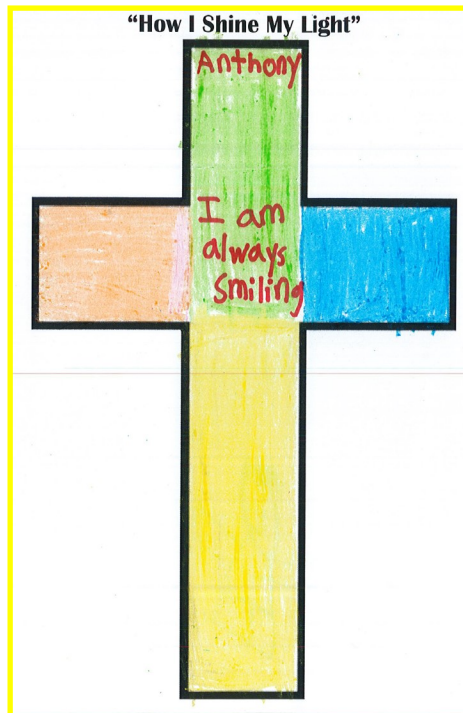
*The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on  
Saturday, April 14th, 2018  
At Sts. Philip & James at 11am and 2pm  
Please pray for our Candidates and their Sponsors  
and Families as they approach this blessed day.*

**Communion I & II (Grades 1&2)  
Lenten Celebration  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018  
7:00PM IN THE CHURCH**



Some Lessons on "Being The Light" From our Religious Education Students!!!  
Are You Shining Your Light?

*our Religious Education Students who are certainly "Shining their Light!"*





# SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of March 11th, 2018

## Sunday, March 11th, 2018

7:30 am	CDA St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale	School Lobby
8:30am	Pre-Cana Weekend	Auditorium
8:30am	RCIA	Philip & James Rm
10:00am	Children's Liturgy	School Multi-purpose Rm
11:00am	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Wkshp
6:00pm	Youth Ministry Stations Rehearsal	Church/Aud.
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room

## Monday, March 12th, 2018

1:15pm	Senior Group Meeting	Philip & James Rm
7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting	Auditorium
7:00pm	Youth Ministry Music Practice	Bethany Ctr LL Rm#4

## Tuesday, March 13th, 2018:

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

## Wednesday, March 14th, 2018:

10:00am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Philip & James Rm
4:30pm	REO 6th Grade Stations of the Cross	Church
7:00pm	Youth Ministry	Auditorium
7:00pm	REO Grade 1&2 Lenten Celebration	Church

## Thursday, March 15th, 2018

2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
6:00pm	Jr. Catholic Daughters Meeting	Philip & James Rm
7:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Choir Loft

## Friday, March 16th, 2018:

3:00pm	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Wkshp
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room
7:30pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
8:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church

## Saturday, March 17th, 2018:

5:00pm	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Church/Auditorium
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## *The Altar Candles*

*For the Week of  
March 11th, 2018*

*Are burning In Memory of*

*Frank Lombardo*

*We Miss You and Love You,*

*Jean & Family*

## PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018  
AT 10AM IN THE SSPJ ROOM

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!  
LESSONS ARE ALWAYS PROVIDED.  
PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CREATE  
BLANKETS AND SHAWLS OF  
HEALING TO THOSE WHO ARE ILL.

ANY QUESTIONS, KINDLY CONTACT  
MARGE AT 631-439-0468



## Lenten Regulations 2018

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

## Ash Wednesday and Good Friday:

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

Days of Abstinence: (All Fridays in Lent):

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

**Weekly Collection:**  
**Sunday March 4th, 2018**  
**Many thanks for your**  
**generous support of,**  
**Sts. Philip & James Parish**

**Sunday Collection: \$17,149**  
**Faith Direct: \$3,823.**  
**Children's Jug: \$ 50.**  
  
**Total Collection: \$21,022**



# Mass Intentions, For the week of March 11th, 2018

## Saturday, March 10th, 2018

5:00pm Mark Robert Guglielmo

## Sunday, March 11th, 2018

8:00am For The Parishioners of SSPJ

10:00am Margaret Castiglie

12:00 Noon **Collective Mass:**  
Peter, Sarah & Mary Cole  
Steven Gerard Carr  
Edward Corvi  
Sally Washburn  
Sean Winters (Living)

## Monday, March 12th, 2018

7:30am Katie Farrell

9:15am Margaret Castiglie

## Tuesday, March 13th, 2018

7:30am

9:15am Kevin Bernard

*We Ask You to Remember Our Brothers & Sisters In your Prayers those who are ill...*

Anna Capizzio  
Angela Amoroso  
Angela Boccio McComb  
AnnMarie M.  
Baby Mattia Lubrano  
Betty Schmidt  
Brett Dowling  
Brennan Steinorth  
Bryan Van Colt  
Carole Hennessy  
Carol Walz  
Catherine Burseind  
Christel DeBlasio  
Christopher Gerver  
Christopher Tallarico  
Daisy Abruzzo  
Dawn Kopel  
Dylan Lauro  
Eileen Zink  
Elinor Glasser  
Faith VanGostein  
Florence Donahue  
Ginny McAuley  
Greg  
Hillary Boehme  
James Gietzen  
Jeanine Esposito Tansey

Joseph Perconti  
Joe Alberigo  
John Capizzio  
John Hernandez  
Julianne  
Kathleen N.  
Kitty Cronin  
Kylie Quigley  
Laura Andrucki & family  
Linda Sue  
Louis Giordano  
Marie DelCielo,  
Marie Fabry  
Marie Loughlin  
Mary McDonough  
Nancy Fornabia  
Pasquale Campano  
Pasquale Santoro  
Patricia Casey  
Patricia Fontana  
Robin Graham Denis  
Raymond Fox  
Rosemary Morgan  
Sean Winters  
Suzanne McCue  
Terence Hobbes  
Teresa Orlik  
Vivien Cordes



*Safely Home, We Remember...*

**Magdalen Brekne  
Gerard W. Dempsey**

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the  
faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.*

## Wednesday, March 14th, 2018

7:30am Adeline Noonan

9:15am Louise Kelly

## Thursday, March 15th, 2018

7:30am

9:15am **Collective Mass**

## Friday, March 16th, 2018

7:30am

9:15am John Kelly

## Saturday, March 17th, 2018 ~ St. Patrick's Day

9:15am Michelina Martino

5:00pm Jack Duffy

## Sunday, March 18th, 2018

8:00am For The Parishioners of SSPJ

10:00am John Pavelka

12:00 Noon **Collective Mass:**  
Evelyn D. Gill  
Paul Winski  
Philip Ruggiero  
Richard & Grace Ehmann

## *We Pray for those Who Serve*

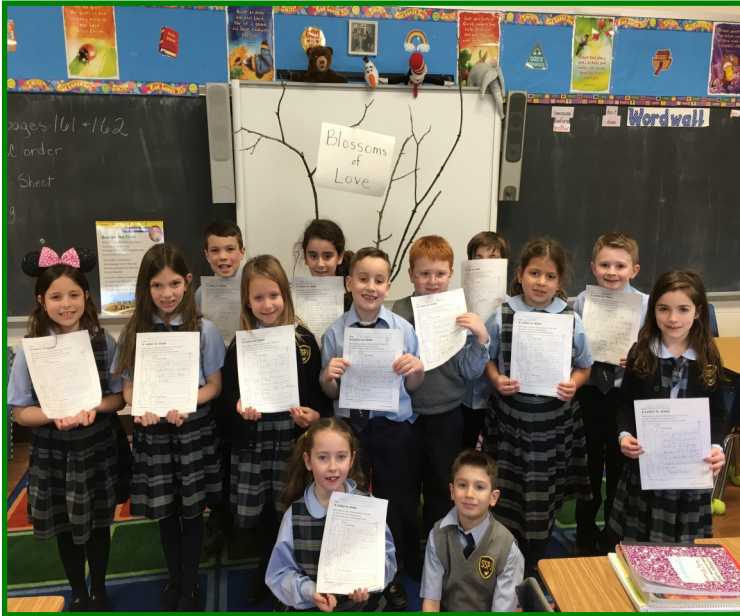


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CAPT. WILSON MARKS, USN  
CAPTAIN MICHAEL DOLAN, JR.  
LT. COL. JOHN KAIRES  
SPC. NICOLE A. CANNON  
SGM. MICHAEL P. BORRELLI (US ARMY)  
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LT. COL. JAMES TULLY, US ARMY  
JOSEPH SAGGIO, USNC  
CAPTAIN PAUL WILLMS  
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LT. COL. PAUL T. JACKSON,  
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STAFF SGT. RYAN REXRODE U.S.M.C.  
DR. KARA VANDEKIEFT, LT.COL.USAF

# SSPJ School News



*Students saying extra prayers and doing loving deeds to show Jesus how much they love him. Every good deed puts a blossom on the class tree.*



*Miss Hannah showed the second graders some of her toys from the 1800's!*

**Congratulations to SSPJ School  
High School Honor Roll Students**

## **Chaminade High School:**

Machado E. Rodriguez—Freshman  
Paul R. Caruso - Sophomore  
Juniors:  
Mark A Cirelli  
Noah K. Hoonhout  
John G. McKie  
Brian M. Willman  
John M. Bennett—Senior



## **Kellenberg Memorial High School**

Emma D'Amelia  
Matthew D'Amelia  
Ava Kaiser



## **Our Lady of Mercy**

**Freshman**  
Alexandra DeVito  
Erin Nicastro  
Claire Wos

## **Sophomore**

Elizabeth Cirelli  
Hannah Collett  
Coleen Duffy

## **Senior**

Lauren Shank



The second graders finished reading  
Flat Stanley...  
*Stay tuned...to see what adventures Flat  
Stanley went on!*



## **STS. PHILIP & JAMES CYO TRACK & FIELD TEAM**

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

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

Please visit our website [www.sspjtrack.com](http://www.sspjtrack.com) for information about the 2018 season as well as registration forms and fees.

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

[info@sspjtrack.com](mailto:info@sspjtrack.com)

*Congratulations your Parish Family is very  
proud of you!*



# Sts. Philip and James

## Dine Around

Monday, April 30th  
SSPJ Auditorium  
7:00 pm  
\$35.00 per person

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Come dine with friends and enjoy a sampling of what  
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*Save the Date!*  
*SSPJ School Gala*  
*Saturday, May 19, 2018*







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COUNCIL #12839

## ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018

Smithtown Landing Country Club  
495 Landing Avenue • Smithtown, NY 11787



### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contact: Thomas Sica  
(631) 521 - 4771  
[sikachu45@hotmail.com](mailto:sikachu45@hotmail.com)

Registration: 8:30 am  
Shotgun Tee Off: 10 am

Breakfast Sponsored By:  
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### This Year's Honoree:

Mike Tully



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Players: \_\_\_\_\_ \$175.00 per person  
(includes Golf Cart, Lunch, Cocktail Hour, Dinner)

Dinner only: \_\_\_\_\_ \$75.00 per person

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please Make Checks Out To:

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# 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, MARCH 19, 2018

### GUEST SPEAKERS:

- **Fr. Sean Magaldi,**  
*Associate Pastor at St. Patrick's, Smithtown,*
- **Gerard Magaldi, (his father)**  
*Candidate in the Permanent Deacon Program (Rockville Centre)*
- **TOPIC: "The Family and Vocations"**

**WHERE & WHEN:** Main Church: North Country Rd., Saint James, NY  
6:30 PM: Adoration • 7:30 PM: Speaker Talk • 8:30 PM: Coffee & Cake

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

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# Celebrating the Liturgy- With Grateful Hearts We Serve

## *PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR March 17th & 18th, 2018*

Saturday, March 17, 2018 5:00 PM	Sunday, March 18, 2018 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, March 18, 2018 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, March 18, 2018 12:00 MASS
Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Tom Haggerty
Deacon Ron			

## *EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE -FOR March 17th & 18th, 2018*

Saturday, March 17, 2018	Sunday, March 18, 2018	Sunday, March 18, 2018	Sunday, March 18, 2018
5:00 PM MASS	8:00 AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
R. Byrne	K. Rapp	M. Dolce	M. Laub
D. Doran	E. Sica	C. Donnelly	E. Sotomayer
J. Duffy	T. Sica	A. Henchel	E. Law
A. Dunn	P. Martin	L. Keane	M. Peykar
D. Earl	M. Kenney	O. Laiz	P. Roman
M. Fox	W. Haff	J. Lavan	C. Rubano
E. Kaleita, Jr.	J. Harvey	D. Mulhall	V. Rubano
P. Kaleita	R. Fabian	C. Napolitano	C. Zito
G. Alfano	L. Beisel	G. Patalano	G. Zito
T. Laiz	K. Consenz	L. Patalano	B. Chandler

## *ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE -FOR March 17th & 18th, 2018*

Saturday, March 17, 2018	Sunday, March 18, 2018	Sunday, March 18, 2018	Sunday, March 18, 2018
5:00PM MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
C. Nigro	K. Illari	S. Cheeseman	P. Mazzola
S. Nigro	T. Illari	K. Tomasic	G. Lombardi
M. Page	E. Nicastro	M. Tomasic	J. Lombardi
S. Page	K. Nicastro	O. Jacobs	S. Glen
R. Green		E. Anderson	

## *LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR March 17th & 18th, 2018*

Saturday, March 17, 2018	Sunday, March 18, 2018	Sunday, March 18, 2018	Sunday, March 18, 2018
5:00 PM MASS	8:00 AM MASS	10:00AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
G. Priebe	C. Czujko	P. O'Hara	E. Nicastro
M. Cashman	A. Kaiser	A. Mondrone	J. Jaquinto

## Getting Ready for Next Sunday

### March 18th—5th Sunday of Lent—Cycle B

#### 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](http://www.usccb.org) . Click on the date.

#### Reflections on Next Sunday's Celebration

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

*Psalms 51*

*Hebrews 5:7-9*

*John 12:20-33*

It's so easy to remain aloof, unattached, and uninvolved. We see problems and needs on all sides, but too often we do not see them as our problems and our needs. We rationalize these as God's concern, not ours.

Today's readings speak of covenant relationships. People relate to God by relating to one another. To worship God is to meet the needs of God's people. God's concern is our concern.

Jeremiah's message of hope in today's first reading was originally addressed to the northern kingdom of Israel during the time of national revival -- around 624 B.C. The prophet believed things had gotten so bad that only Yahweh's intervention could save the day. Yahweh would bring about a profound interior change among the people. The change would result from God's intention to forgive and forget human sinfulness. Jeremiah announced people's sinfulness and God's willingness to forgive. Jeremiah made God's problem his problem.

The author of Hebrews discusses the high priesthood of Jesus. As high priest, Jesus represents people before God and intercedes for them. Jesus makes God's problem (salvation) his problem, despite pain, frustration, and death.

For John, the word "hour" embraces the entire process of crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. Jesus is willing to lay down his life. This moment, however, is also a temptation for Jesus to do his own will rather than God's. Jesus learns in suffering that accepting the hour will result in exaltation, making God's concern that of the Son, also.

Response to these readings means examining our relationships in our families, neighborhoods, parishes, and at work. If we are on good terms with these people, we are on good terms with God. If those around us are hurting, then God is concerned and so must we be. Like Jesus and Jeremiah, we are tempted to run from this pain. Like them we must reject temptation and embrace the needs and hurts of all, being one then with God and the Church.

- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

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#### For reflection...

*The "hour" of Jesus brings pain and suffering leading to glory and new life. What helps Jesus to remain faithful during this time? What helps you to remain faithful during times of suffering or doubt or confusion?*

*When the grain of wheat dies, it is transformed and new life emerges. What signs of transformation and new life have you experienced in your life? What sign of transformation and new life do you see present in our parish?*

*What might be obstacles to new life, new hope, in our families? our parish? our world? How might these obstacles be overcome?*

*In the first reading, Jeremiah speaks of a new covenant, where God's ways are written on hearts. How does Jesus witness to this covenant? How do you?*

*Are you willing to get as close to God as God is willing to get close to you?*



## OUR ACHE FOR EARTHLY IMMORTALITY

No community should botch its deaths. Last month a wonderful leader within the faith community in Canada died and it could profit us all to more fully receive his spirit. How do we do that? It can be helpful for us, I believe, to highlight those places where his life, his energy, and his leadership more particularly helped steady us in our faith and helped us to use our own gifts more fully to serve God. Who was this man? *Joseph Neil MacNeil*, Emeritus Archbishop of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

I was lucky enough to have had him as my bishop for the first eighteen years of my priesthood. He was a good mentor and I needed one. I had just finished seminary and, not unlike many a naïve young man just turned loose in ministry, I had overly-rigid views on what was wrong with the world and how to fix that, views rooted more in personal immaturity than in prudence, views in need of a lot of leveling out. He was a guiding hand, not just for me but for many others.

And this was a time as well where the church as a whole was struggling for a deeper maturity. The church was just engaging the reforms of Vatican II, wondering whether it was going too far or not far enough, and reeling at the same time from the radical cultural and sexual changes of the late 1960s. Change was everywhere. Nothing, church-wise or otherwise, was as before. We were a pioneer generation ecclesially in need of new leadership.

He led us well, nothing too daring, nothing reactionary, just good, steady, charitable leadership that helped us, among other things, be more pastorally sensitive, more ecumenical, less self-absorbed, less clerical, more open to lay involvement, and more sensitive to the place of women. He kept things steady but inching forward, even while properly honoring the past.

Among his many gifts, *three* qualities of his leadership, for me, particularly stand out as a challenge for us all to live out our own discipleship more deeply.

First, he could live with ambiguity and not panic when tension seemed everywhere. He was not frightened or put off by polarization and criticism. He sorted them through with patience and charity. That helped create space for a more-inclusive church, one within which people of different temperaments and ecclesiologies could still be within the same community. He kept his eyes on the big picture and not on the various side-shows, skirmishes that so easily deflect attention away from what's important. Good people carry tension so as to not let it spell over unnecessarily onto others. Good leaders put up with ambiguity so as to not resolve tensions prematurely. He was a good person and a good leader. He could be patient with unresolved tension.

Second, he understood the innate tension that comes from our baptism wherein we are perennially torn between two loyalties, that is, the tension between being loyal to the church and its dogmas and rules on the one hand, and being loyal at the same time to the fact that we are also meant to be universal instruments of salvation who radiate God's compassion to everyone within all the churches and within the world at large. Here's one example of that: In the face of a very messy and painful pastoral situation, I once phoned him asking him what I should do. His answer properly interfaced law and mercy: "Father, you know the mind of the church, you know canon law, you know my mind, and so you know what ideally should be done here ... but you also know the principle of *Epikēia*, you are standing before the pain of these people, and God has put you there. You need to bring all of this together and make a decision based on that. Tell me afterwards what you decide and then I'll tell you whether I agree or not." I did make a decision, phoned him afterwards, he didn't agree with me, but he thanked me for doing what I did.

Finally, as a faith leader he understood the difference between catechesis and theology and he honored and defended the special place of each of them. Catechesis is needed to ground us; theology is needed to stretch us. He understood that. As a former President of a University who had done graduate work at the University of Chicago, he wasn't threatened by theologians and generally came to our defense when we were attacked. One of his pet sayings when one of his theological faculty came under scrutiny or attack was simply: "They're theologians! They speculate. That's what theologians do. They aren't catechists." He offered an equal defense for his catechists.

In church parlance, a bishop, an archbishop, a cardinal, or a pope is considered *A Prince of the Church*. He was that, a Prince of the Church ... not because the church anointed him as such, but because he had the intelligence, grace, and heart of a leader.