



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

September 22, 2019
Twenty-fifth Sunday
In Ordinary Time



"No Servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other or be devoted to one and despise the other"

Luke 16: 13

"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

STS. PHILIP & JAMES PASTORAL STAFF

Parish Center Phone: 631-584-5454 Parish Fax: 631-862-9675
Website—www.sspj.org

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Open Monday, Tuesday Wednesday 9am-8pm
Open Thursday 9am-5pm
Open Saturday 10am-2pm
Closed Friday and Sunday

CLERGY

Father Tom Haggerty, Pastor
Father Patrick Osei-Poku-Associate Pastor
Deacon Ronald Blasius
Deacon John Keenan
Deacon Ken Maher
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE
Sister Theresita Donach, CSFN

BUSINESS MANAGER

Virginia Portanova

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR

Catherine Darrow

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR Grades 1-2

Charlotte Czujko

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR Grades 3-6

Barbara Luna

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR Grades 7-8

Dominick Avento

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Margaret Adams

COORDINATOR OF PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Lynn Sisti

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES

John Cordes

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Diane M. Anderson

School Phone-631-584-7896 School Fax: 631-584-3258

TRUSTEES

Jerry Linder ~ Tina Cafaro

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Michael Sharkey, Lou Guerra, Cynthia Lombardi, Paul Damato
Martin Marut, Ann Mondrone, Maureen Burke, Erin Nicastro

Stewardship, A Way of Life

*As we continue our journey, we share our "Time,
Talents and Treasures" with our family, friends, and
our parish community.*

*Thank you for your support of
Sts. Philip & James Parish*

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 Center Office.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE FOR US IN YOUR PRAYERS



LCDR. MEGAN M. SHUTKA-VIK, USN
CAPT. WILSON MARKS- USN
CAPTAIN MICHAEL DOLAN- JR.
LT. COL. JOHN KAIRES
SPC. NICOLE A. CANNON
SGM. MICHAEL P. BORRELLI-US ARMY
CAPT. JOHN TULLY- USN
LT. COL. JAMES TULLY-US ARMY
JOSEPH SAGGIO- USNC
CAPTAIN PAUL WILLMS
STAFF SGT. MICHAEL LONGHENRY
LT. COL. PAUL T. JACKSON-
STAFF SGT ALEXANDER PARRELLA-USAF
RICHARD SOTOMAYER- USAF
SGT. CONNOR F. SCOTT- USMC
SGT. CORY O'HARA -USMC
CDR. ROBERT J. MARSH-USN
PFC. CHARLES CHRISTOPHER HOWELL
STEVEN CAVA-USN
ERIC SEELIN- USMC
CW2 CHRIS MUNZ
CW2 NATASHA WORTMAN
CORPORAL JAMES T. CASEY-USMC
GREGORY DEVANEY- USMC
SGT. JOSHUA MAHONEY- US ARMY
KEVIN JONES-USCG
PRIVATE JOSHUA OLSEN-USARNG
GLEN CRIMA-US ARMY
SGT. ANTHONY SCIAMETTA- US ARMY
MARIO CATANIA-USMC
RYAN ANTHONY NASCIMENTO-USMC
KYLE ANTHONY NASCIMENTO-US ARMY
ENS. RYAN M. SHOWS -USN
STAFF SGT. RYAN REXRODE-USMC
DR. KARA VANDEKIEFT, COL.-USAF
SGT. STEPHEN D. OUTCAULT-USMC
PAUL MUMOLO-USN
VICTORIA ZEMAN, USCG
KYLE J. GRUNER -US ARMY
MARK GIORDANO—US COASTGUARD
KELLI MCCLAUGHLIN- 2ND LT. US ARMY NATL. GUARD

Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:

Weekly Collection: Sunday, September 15, 2019

Faith Direct:

\$12,782.

\$ 2,877.

\$21,000

Total Weekly Collection:

\$15,659.

Thank you for your stewardship and contributions to our Parish

A Note From Father Tom

Dear Friends,

What a parable we hear in today's gospel!! A steward who has been caught squandering his master's money finds himself in a definite personal crisis. He finds a way out, but using less than honorable means. He's prudent, and shrewd. And he is commended by the master! What is the gospel message? Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP, offers these reflections:

This is something we know: The world is a hard place to be a Christian – raising a family is a balancing act; our jobs can demand so much from us, and consume our best energies; relationships can get neglected and become stagnant....Being a follower of Jesus is not a part time job, or a side occupation – it is a full time commitment and covers all aspects of our lives, not just what we commonly call our "spiritual lives." We have to live in our world and have to evaluate the resources at our disposal. How can we be creative in the use of what we have? Upon hearing the challenge of today's gospel, to be faithful in all parts of our lives, we have to ask ourselves: What is my fundamental and total identity: is it being a Christian? Then, how can I put that into practice at all times and in all places?

At some moment we will all face a crisis of one kind or another. Most of us know that already... from personal experience. We don't want to have to put off getting focused till a crisis forces us to do so. We want to be proactive, take the initiative and act responsibly. It is our hope that at the end, Jesus will also find our lives commendable and bless us for acting prudently – not just when we were in crisis, but each day of our lives.

Again this weekend, Youth Leaders will welcome High School Teens to gather next Wednesday evening as we kick off a new season of Youth Ministry. Hope to see you there!

Please take note of the invitation in today's bulletin to take a copy of Bishop Robert Barron's, "Letter to a Suffering Church". On Wednesday, October 9th, please plan to gather for sharing thoughts and reflections on this book. Discussions will be held at 1pm in the Bethany Center and at 7pm in the Philip and James Room.

We resume the Children's Liturgy of the Word shortly and could use some additional adult support. If you might be able to provide some adult supervision as the catechist teaches at the Saturday 5 or the Sunday 10, either once a month or once every other month, please leave your name and number at the rectory.

We will also begin receiving Sunday gospel reflections from our young people. Those in the Barnabas Ministry take some time to read a few of the reflections and offer the children words of encouragement. We could use more "Barnabites"! If you might like to join this ministry, a very brief informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1st, at 10am and at 7pm in the Philip and James Room.

And, some leftovers from last week:

Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.

This girl today said she recognized me from the Vegetarians Club, but I'd swear I've never met herbivore.

I know a guy who's addicted to drinking brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

Peace,

Father Tom

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

It's that wonderful time of year again!

**THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS
APPLE HARVEST BAKE SALE!!!!**

THIS WEEKEND

*September 21st & 22nd, 2019
After all masses in the School lobby*

*Please stop by and support all the wonderful
works of the Catholic daughters and treat
yourself to a piece of deliciousness!*

To Our Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers:

*Just a reminder, when you are assigned to
serve at a weekend Mass, please report to the
Prayer Room 15 minutes before Mass time, to
greet your fellow lectors/EM's so that all may
begin together with a prayer before Mass.*

Also, please remember to sign in.



*The Catholic Daughters
Say*

THANKYOU!

*To all who supported their Labor Day
Raffle*

The Winners Are:

Antoinette Lamberti \$800.

Lucille Weidner \$480.

Kitty Cronin \$320.

Congratulations!



**All Are Invited to Attend the next meeting of
THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2019
AT 10AM IN THE SSPJ ROOM**

**Lessons and materials are generously provided.
This wonderful group joins together in prayer as they craft
lovely shawls, blankets and hats for our brothers and sisters
in need.**

**If you should have any questions, please contact
Marge at 631-439-0468**

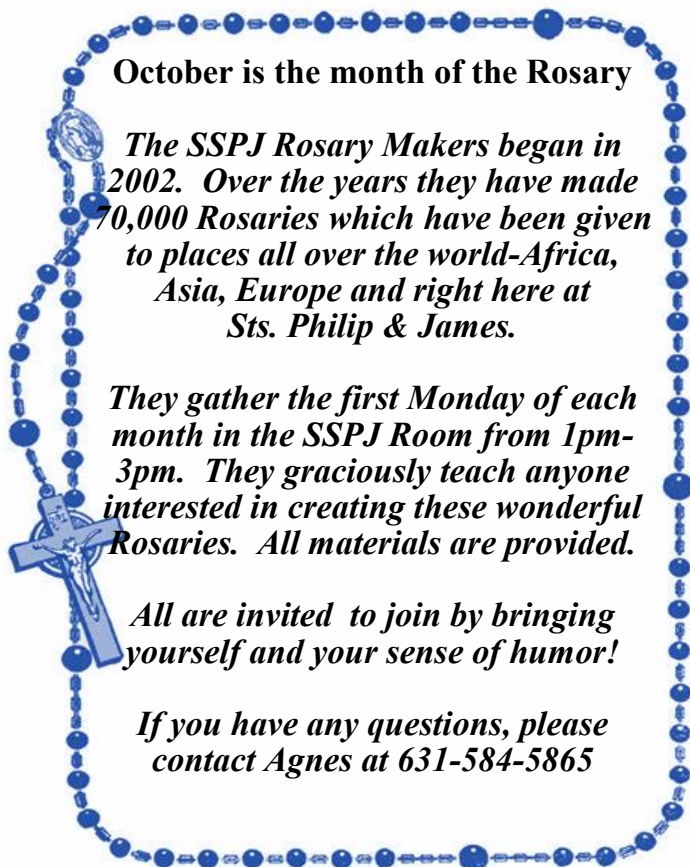
October is the month of the Rosary

*The SSPJ Rosary Makers began in
2002. Over the years they have made
70,000 Rosaries which have been given
to places all over the world-Africa,
Asia, Europe and right here at
Sts. Philip & James.*

*They gather the first Monday of each
month in the SSPJ Room from 1pm-
3pm. They graciously teach anyone
interested in creating these wonderful
Rosaries. All materials are provided.*

*All are invited to join by bringing
yourself and your sense of humor!*

*If you have any questions, please
contact Agnes at 631-584-5865*



**LET US PRAY TO
OUR MOTHER**

**Sunday Oct. 13th is the
Feast of Our Lady of
Fatima**

**All are welcome to pray
the rosary on Sunday
Oct. 13th @ 4PM in front
of the Mary Grotto on
25A . At that hour we
will be praying with all
other groups across the
nation in unity to
Our Lady for peace.
Please bring your
family and friends and
a chair**

**Any questions please
call 631-862-9370**

THANK YOU ALL!



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

September 9, 2019

Reverend Thomas Haggerty
Church of Saints Philip and James
1 Carow Place
Saint James, New York 11780

Dear Father Haggerty:


Barbara Kilarjian and her team have shared with me the wonderful news that your parish is over goal in pledges for the 2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Congratulations and many thanks to you and your parishioners.

Your commitment and leadership in this work gives us the opportunity to improve and expand our services to the underserved and disadvantaged, while we encourage and support vocations, enhance our children's religious and academic educations, strengthen all levels of faith formation and support our vital ministries which serve thousands of people every year.

This is a wonderful tribute to you and your parishioners and we thank you for your support of this important initiative. The Catholic Ministries Appeal gives us the opportunity to join together as instruments of *Dramatic Missionary Growth* as we serve others on Long Island and beyond.

Please be assured that I will keep you and your parishioners daily in my Masses and prayers.

Fraternally yours in Christ,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

cc: Barbara Kilarjian



A very special thank you to ...

Kelsey Greco, Connor Donnelly and Richard Frazita who have completed their terms on the Pastoral Council. Our Parish family appreciates your time, dedication and service.

The SSPJ Parish Council wishes to welcome, Erin Nicastro as she joins the Parish Council Team as a Youth representative!



Letter to a Suffering Church

A BISHOP SPEAKS ON THE SEXUAL ABUSE CRISIS


Most of us have been aware of the horrific sexual abuse crisis that has haunted our Church, especially in recent months. We all grieve the wicked ways that priests have abused children, seminarians, and other vulnerable people.

With these scandals in mind, our parish has decided to share with you a new book by Bishop Robert Barron. *The book is titled: **Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis.***

We have ordered a copy of the book for each Parish Family, and think you will find it helpful and uplifting. Bishop Barron provides clear insight on the crisis and where we should go from here.

So please take a copy of the book as you leave Mass today, and know that we at Saints Philip & James Parish care deeply about helping you navigate these stormy waters.

God bless each of you and your families




We will gather to share thoughts and reflections
on this book.

Discussions will be held on:

On Wednesday, October 9th, 2019

At either 1pm in the Bethany Center
Or at 7pm in the Sts. Philip & James Room



How the Diocese of Rockville Centre Has Been Addressing Child Protection and the Clergy Abuse Scandal



The sexual abuse of minors is a horrifying sin and a crisis in our society at large. Even one instance of the abuse of a child by a member of the clergy is far too many. However, it is a **myth** that the abuse crisis only exists in the Catholic Church. It is also a **myth** that the Church has done nothing to address this problem.

This does not diminish the shame of what occurred in the Church in the past. But, if we fail to see and deal with the reality of the sexual abuse of minors across all levels of society: in schools, hospitals, institutions, all religious and secular organizations, and especially in families, then we will fail in our duty to truly protect all children.

What does the Diocese do to protect children?

- All **accusations of abuse** (whether credible or not) made against any member of the clergy, employee or volunteer, are promptly reported to the district attorney's office, regardless of when the abuse may have occurred. **This policy has been in place since 2003 in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.**
- The diocese has released the names of all clergy, employees and volunteers that we are aware of having ever been accused of the sexual abuse of a minor (whether credible or not) to the proper law enforcement authorities.
- All priests, deacons, diocesan and parish employees, and volunteers are **background screened**.
- All priests, deacons, diocesan and parish employees and volunteers are required to attend the **VIRTUS** course: *Protecting God's Children*. Offered in multiple languages, these classes are designed to **educate** everyone in the Church on the **prevention of child sexual abuse**, making participants aware of the signs of abuse, the methods used by offenders to commit abuse, and steps used to prevent such abuse.
- Children attending parish faith formation programs are taught safety awareness through the program: *Think First & Stay Safe: Child Lures Prevention*. Youth enrolled in diocesan elementary and high schools receive safety awareness training beginning with nursery school and continuing throughout high school.
- Rigorous **psychological screening** is done for all men discerning **vocations to the priesthood**, and this continues throughout the five-year period of seminary formation. In addition, all seminarians receive training in diocesan child protection policies.
- **Codes of Conduct** have been published and mandated for all clergy, employees, volunteers and youth, to clearly define what is and what is not acceptable when interacting with children and young adults.
- In 2003, the Diocese of Rockville Centre established an **Office for the Protection of Children and Young People**. This Office works collaboratively with other Diocesan offices to ensure the safety and well-being of children, youth and vulnerable adults.
- A longstanding **Diocesan Review Board (DRB)**, comprised mostly of lay men and women with expertise in the fields of psychiatry, law enforcement, jurisprudence, psychology and expertise in sexual abuse of minors/child protection, functions as a consultative body advising the Bishop. The DRB helps in the assessment of reports of sexual abuse of minors and advises the Bishop in the determination of the cleric's suitability for ministry.
- Since the inception of audit reviews in 2003, the Diocese has participated in 14 audits and found to be in compliance with standards as outlined in the **Charter for the Protection of Children & Young People** for each audit period.

What does the Diocese do for victim survivors of child sexual abuse?

- The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People has a three-fold mission:
 - To **promote healing and reconciliation** with the victim/survivors of sexual abuse of minors
 - To **ensure the protection** of the faithful for the future
 - To **ensure the accountability** of our procedures
- We have a dedicated phone line for reporting abuse (516)594-9063. All allegations are responded to within 24 hours of the report. Outreach to the victim survivor is initiated, **counseling assistance** is offered to survivors and, when appropriate, to family members; and a determination is made regarding the necessity of additional support services.
- The Diocesan Victims' Assistance Coordinator is available for the immediate pastoral care of persons who report having been sexually abused as a minor by anyone working for the Church.
- In 2017, the Diocese of Rockville Centre initiated the **Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP)** to offer an opportunity for some measure of healing and justice to those who were abused by diocesan clergy. The IRCP program allows survivors of clergy sexual abuse to file confidential claims and receive financial compensation. **It continues** to offer survivors a confidential option for reconciliation. To date, 370 people have filed claims with our IRCP. The vast majority of claimants - 277 to be exact—have accepted compensation totaling just over \$50 million, with 75 – 80 claims still being processed. This program is currently ongoing.

Facts:

Independent analysis by John Jay College of Criminal Justice and the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University confirm that the vast majority of reported offenses took place between the 1960's and 1980's, then declined sharply. The allegations that we have received in the Diocese of Rockville Centre follow that same pattern.

Since the year 2015, **nationwide** there have been only 17 reported cases of current clerical sexual abuse in the Catholic Church as reported by CARA. In the Diocese of Rockville Centre during that same time there have been zero reports of a current incident of clergy sexual abuse. This shows that the efforts of the Catholic Church for many years now throughout the country, and in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, have been working.

The Work that Must Continue

The work of the Church – of administering the Sacraments, of preaching the Gospel, teaching, healing, advocating, serving, and ministering to the poor and vulnerable – can and must continue, despite the sins of the past.

The months and years ahead of us will require perseverance and prayer if we are to emerge as a Church even more dedicated to Christ's saving mission. We are reminded to turn to Mary our Mother and draw courage from the one who did not look away from her suffering Son. She waited patiently, suffered with him, and shared in his victory over sin and death.

This is the same Mary who, as Mother of the Church, gathered with the Apostles in the locked room, waiting for the power of the Holy Spirit to descend at Pentecost. As we enter a time of Paschal Mystery suffering, may Mary guide us, so that together we may continue to carry out the mission of her Son: the building up of the Kingdom of God throughout Long Island and the world.

Second Collection THIS Weekend: September 21st & 22nd, 2019
For: St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility
Thank you for your compassion and generosity

St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility for Retired Priests

The heart of a priest is a heart pierced by the love of the Lord... ” – Pope Francis

Dear Friends:

Many retired priests in our Diocese, who have given their life in union with Jesus, find a home at St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility in Amityville.

Their many years of service helped lay the foundation of our own Catholic faith. These priests helped to build and renovate parishes; they evangelized across our Island and have nurtured many ministries vital to the life of our faith community today.

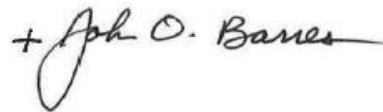
As they enter another stage of their lives, they often experience ongoing challenges that require added care and attention.

St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility meets those challenges by ensuring that our senior priests are being cared for in a setting that fosters their spiritual lives, nurtures their physical and mental well-being, and guarantees that they can continue to live with dignity while accessing a wide array of social and spiritual opportunities.

As Msgr Ryan shared, *“I have found much happiness living here with my fellow priests and in the entire community, and I especially appreciate the support I receive. Thank you for making this home possible.”*

You also have my deepest thanks for considering a gift in support of our retired priests and for the loving care you have provided to these dedicated priests. May I ask that that you remember all of our priests in your prayers as you are remembered in ours?

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "+ John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'J' and 'B'.

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Parish Social Ministry

In Laudato si the pope reminds us that climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day and threatens future generations; its worst impact will be felt by developing countries in the coming decades (§25).



ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi marks a special day when all of God's creatures receive a special blessing.



We will celebrate this wonderful Saint with a **Blessing of the Animals** on

**Saturday, October 5th, 2019
At 1:00pm**

In front of the Statue of St. Francis

Matthew 10:29 "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father."

Psalms 50:10-11 "For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine."

In keeping with our call as Catholic Christians to care for all of God's creation, we will be collecting pet supplies for donation to local animal shelters.

***MONETARY DONATIONS ACCEPTED: CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
SSPJ PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY ~Animal Blessing in Memo Section***

FOR DOGS:

Treats, treats, treats!
Rope toys, bouncy-balls
Bones and biscuits



FOR CATS:

Canned Friskies and
Fancy Feast Litter Boxes
(No litter needed)
Beds, Treats, catnip

Different ways to join the Music ministry

Main Adult Choir – All year Thursday rehearsal and Sunday Mass, Christmas Concert, Christmas Masses, Easter Masses, Special Masses

Chords of Faith - All year Tuesday rehearsal and Saturday Mass, (service credit available for all year participants only)

Children's Choir – All year Tuesday rehearsal and Saturday Mass
2X a month (Every other week)

Christmas Concert only – combined with main choirs (adult, teens, children) attend rehearsal for concert, (3 ½ months) plus concert. Each group practices separately.

Baptism's – 2x a month, Sunday at 2pm
Instrument or vocals needed, teens or adults welcome.

Christmas Masses and or Easter Masses only –
Attend 2 rehearsals before Christmas or Easter Masses



Sott'er celo de Roma ~ Dinner Ticket Request Form

Saturday – October 26, 2019 6 – 10 pm ~ **COST \$40 per person**

Family style dinner at each table – Pasta, chicken, eggplant & salad

Tickets: _____ at \$40./per person Total enclosed: _____

Guest Names: _____

Contact Phone # _____

alternate cell _____ email _____

Tickets will NOT be sold at the door. Reservations need to be made in advance- prior to 10/16

If you have any question, kindly contact Virginia Portanova at:

vportanova:sspi.org or at the parish center 631-584-5454

PLEASE RETURN TICKET ORDER FORM WITH PAYMENT TO THE PARISH OFFICE CENTER

Interested in reserving a full table (8-10 people), kindly remit this form with guest names and full payment

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Would you consider sponsoring this event? All **Sponsors** will be **acknowledged** in our **Amici Keepsake Journal** and will be posted in our bulletin. Please return form and payment to the Parish Office Center. Thank you!

La Famiglia Sponsor at \$500. _____

Amore Sponsor at \$250. _____

Amici Sponsor at \$100. _____

For additional information please contact Virginia Portanova – vportanova:sspi.org or 631-584-5454

SATURDAY – OCTOBER 26, 2019

~DINNER ~

DANCING~ ENTERTAINMENT

Catering by

Villa Sorrento

sott' er celo
de Roma

la piazza della SSPJ (auditorium) 6-10 pm

COST \$40 per person

Dinner

***Bottle of Wine at each table
(1-Red & 1-White)***

Coffee and Dessert

BYOB if you choose

For additional information - Please contact Virginia @ 631-584- 5454

To purchase tickets or become a sponsor please see the attached flyer

unisciti a me in piazza per festeggiare

(join me in the piazza to celebrate)

Religious Education Ministry

*All Religious Education Classes begin this week:
September 23rd 2019*

*We wish all our Students and their families a wonderful
year of growth, faith and love.*

*We remain ever grateful to our Catechists for their
dedication and faith.*

Catechists are needed for our Special Needs Religious Education Ministry who touch the lives, minds and hearts of our Religious Education Students and families who may have special needs.

*This extraordinary program is held on Saturdays, from 9am –9:45am here within the school building.
All lesson materials are provided as well as support to meet the needs of our students and families.*

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING WILL BE ON:
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH AT 7PM IN THE SSPJ ROOM**

Classes will begin on Saturday, October 5th, 2019

We ask that you kindly and prayerfully consider this wonderful opportunity.

*If you should have any questions, kindly contact the
Religious Education Office at 631-584-3204.*

Thank you,

The SSPJ Special Needs Religious Education Team



Children's Liturgy of the Word blesses and enriches our Children's relationship and understanding of the gospel by allowing them to form a relationship with Jesus "just where they are at"

If you would like to share in the ministry of delivering the gospel message to our children but cannot commit to a weekly class, this is a wonderful opportunity for you!

**LEAD CATECHISTS ARE SCHEDULED ON A MONTHLY ROTATION!
ALL MATERIALS AND CRAFTS ARE PROVIDED.**

This awesome Liturgy offers the gospel message to our children in grades K-3 each Saturday evening at the 5pm mass and again on Sunday at the 10:00am mass

**WE ARE SEEKING CATECHISTS TO LEAD THE GOSPEL LESSON, AS WELL AS
ADULT MONITORS TO ASSIST THE CHILDREN.**

If you should have any questions regarding this awesome opportunity or wish to consider sharing a bite size portion of your time sharing the good news, kindly contact the Religious Education Office at 631-584-3204

The 'formed' web-site is a great place to conveniently discover all the best Catholic content. Entertaining movies, programs, talks, audio dramas, and eBooks—just a click away!
Registering for FORMED: for new parishioners registering for an account

Go to formed.org
Select: SIGN UP
Select: I belong to a Parish or Organization
On search bar type: SS Philip and James 1 Carow Place St. James NY
Register with your name and email address
Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED



Sign-in to FORMED: for parishioners with an existing account
Go to formed.org
Select: SIGN IN
Type in your email address and click next
Follow the prompt to check your email
Click on the link and begin to explore the great content

SEPTEMBER 2019

A Whole Month of Liturgical Content on formed.org!

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Watch: Mother Teresa: Seeing the Face of Jesus
Listen: Mary: Handmaid of the Lord
Read: The Kiss of Jesus: How Mother Teresa and the Saints Helped Me to Discover the Beauty of the Cross
Read: Love: A Fruit Always in Season</p> | <p>SAINT TERESA OF KOLKATA</p> |
| <div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">15</div> <p>Listen: Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows
Listen: The Sorrowful Mysteries with Vin Scully
Escuchar: El Rezo del Rosario, Parte 1: Misterios Gozosos y Dolorosos</p> | <p>OUR LADY OF SORROWS</p> |
| <div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">17</div> <p>Watch: Hildegard's Gift</p> | <p>SAINT HILDEGARD OF BINGEN</p> |
| <div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">18</div> <p>Watch: The Reluctant Saint / El Santo Renuente*</p> | <p>SAINT JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO</p> |
| <div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">19</div> <p>Watch: Lead Kindly Light
Watch: One Step Is Enough</p> | <p>BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN</p> |
| <div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">21</div> <p>Listen: The Gospel of Matthew / San Mateo*</p> | <p>SAINT MATTHEW</p> |
| <div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">23</div> <p>Watch: Padre Pio: Miracle Man
Watch: Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth / Padre Pio Entre el Cielo y la Tierra*</p> | <p>SAINT PADRE PIO</p> |
| <div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">29</div> <p>Watch: Bishop Fulton Sheen: Angels
Watch: Powers and Dominions
Esuchar: Nuestro Enemigo y sus Aliados
Read: Angels (and Demons): What Do we Know About Them?</p> | <p>SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS</p> |
| <div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">30</div> <p>Study: Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 3: The Bible /
Symbolon: Conciendo la Fe, Sesión 3: La Biblia*
Listen: Lessons from the Early Church Fathers</p> | <p>SAINT JEROME</p> |

The Saint Barnabas Ministry~ Encouraging the faith of our students....

The Saint Barnabas Ministry invites members of our Parish Family to read and compliment the faith filled growth of our Religious Education Students as they begin offering their weekly reflections.

Reading reflections of our Religious Education Students encourages them upon their faith journey...

**If you are interested in joining this fulfilling ministry, kindly contact the
Parish Center at
631-584-5454.**

**An orientation meeting will be held for all who may wish to join this ministry
on:**



**Tuesday, October 1st, 2019 two sessions:
10am-11am OR 7-8pm both in the Sts. Philip & James Room**

**Reflections will begin during the weekend of October 5th and 6th.
Reflections will be collected during each mass and be ready for pick up at
the Parish center on Monday mornings after 9am.**

Pick up will begin on Tuesday October 15th (due to Columbus Day)

***OPENING NIGHT FOR SSPJ YOUTH GROUP WELCOMING ALL STUDENTS IN
GRADES 9-12 NEXT WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH AT 7PM***

Saints Philip & James
**YOUTH
GROUP
KICKOFF**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2019
FROM: 7PM-9PM
IN THE BETHANY CENTER**

All Are Welcome!

Come Celebrate the Feast of the Holy Rosary!

The rosary is one of the most cherished prayers in the Catholic Church. It is a powerful prayer of intercession to the Blessed Mother.

Praying the rosary is promoted as a means of strengthening one's faith, resisting evil, growing spiritually, and generally benefiting society.



Sts. Philip and James Parish & School
will be celebrating the
Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary
on **Monday, October 7, 2019**
with a
Candlelight Rosary Procession.

All are invited and asked to gather at
6:00 pm at the **Lourdes Grotto**
outside of the Parish Center.

The evening will conclude with a
cookie reception sponsored by the
Catholic Daughters.

SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of September 22nd, 2019

Sunday, September 22nd, 2019

8:00am	CDA Bake Sale	School Lobby
8:30am	RCIA	Cantina
11:00am	Stained Glass	Stained Glass Wksp
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room

Thursday, September 26th, 2019

2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:00pm	REO Special Needs Catechist Mtg	Philip & James Rm
7:30pm	Adult Choir	Church

Monday, September 23rd, 2019:

1:00pm	Senior Group Meeting	SSPJ Room
5:45pm	REO Second Grade Class	Auditorium
5:45pm	REO Seventh Grade Class	Bethany Main
7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting	Auditorium

Friday, September 27th, 2019:

3:00pm	Stained Glass	Stained Glass Wkshp
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room
8:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church

Tuesday, September 24th, 2019:

1:30pm	Spirit of Prayer Ministry Meeting	Church Prayer Rm
4:30pm	REO FIRST GRADE CLASS	Bethany Main
4:40pm	Adult Formation DRVC	Philip & James Rm
5:45pm	REO 6th Grade Class	Auditorium/Bethany

Saturday, September 28th, 2019

6:00pm	School Guild Bingo	Auditorium
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Wednesday, September 25th, 2019

10:00am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	SSPJ Room
4:30pm	REO First Grade Class	Bethany Main
5:45pm	REO 7th Grade Class	Bethany Main
7:00pm	Youth Ministry	Bethany Center Main

Sunday, September 29th, 2019:

8:30am	RCIA Sessions	SSPJ Room
11:00am	Stained Glass	Stained Glass Wkshp
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Sts. Philip & James Room

We Remember

**Those Who are resting peacefully
in the loving arms of Jesus....**

**Joan Byrnes
John Francis Capizzio
George Yassopoulos**

Our Altar Memorials are always a wonderful way to express our hopes and memories and gratitude on behalf of loved ones lost, present, or wonderful occasions...

**Our Pro Life Rose is available for \$15.00 donation
Altar Flowers, Candles and Sanctuary Lamp for \$20.00
Bread & Wine for a \$20.00 donation.**

**For more information, contact the Parish Center Office
at 631-584-5454**



RCIA Thoughts from Sister T

ARE YOU SEARCHING?

At some point in all people's lives we wind up searching for something. Here at SSPJ we are looking for people who are searching to deepen their spiritual life or come to understand more the writing of Pope Francis, perhaps come to know the person of Jesus on a deeper level or see how they can

better serve the poor.

Being a part of the Rite of Christian Initiation may help that searching individual and lead to a richer fuller life. If you or someone you know wants to know more, feel free to call Sister Theresita at

631-584-5454 ext. 214.

Banns of Marriage

First

**William Ardolino
St Jude—Mastic Beach**

To

**Brittany Hagemann
St. John the Evangelist-Moriches**

Mass Intentions, For the week of September 22nd, 2019

Saturday September 21st, 2019
5:00pm **Peter Byrne**

Sunday, September 22nd, 2019
8:00am **For the Parishioners of SSPJ**
10:00am **Helen Florence Just**
12:00Noon **Collective Mass:**
Reverend Charles Carow
James Conlon
Willvonia J. Roemer
Michael McDermott

Monday, September 23rd, 2019
7:30am **Ingeborg Schmidt**
9:15am **Marie T. Dionisio**

Tuesday, September 24th, 2019
7:30am **John Carbonaro (Living)**
9:15am **Robert Golden**

Wednesday, September 25th, 2019
7:30am **William & Agnes Kingston**
9:15am **Leonard Pecora, Sr.**

Thursday, September 26th, 2019
7:30am **Donna & Rocco Toto (Living)**
9:15am **Collective Mass**
Kathleen & Vito Boccasini

Friday, September 27th, 2019
7:30am **Joseph E. Stapp**
9:15am **Edward F. Handibone**

Saturday, September 28th, 2019
9:15am **Agnes Souza**
5:00pm **Leonard Pecora**

Sunday, September 29th, 2019
8:00am **For the Parishioners of Sts Philip & James**
10:00am **Winifred Beaton**
12:00Noon **Collective Mass:**
Nancy Pastoressa
Michael O'Grady
Michael McDermott
Chris Polina (Living)
Dena Polina

Our Bread & Wine
For the week of September 22nd, 2019

Are Offered...
In Loving Memory of,
Albert Specht
"First Anniversary in Heaven"
We miss you very much
Love,
Your Wife Mary & Family



Our Pro Life Rose
For the Week of September 22, 2019

Is offered,
In remembrance of
September 24, 2004 when,
Leon Peter Heffron
Went home to be with the Lord
Waiting in joyful HOPE
Carol

Prayer for Comfort

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless your friends who are sick. Give them the strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain.

Let them recover their health, so that, restored to the Christian community, they may joyfully praise your name, for you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen

To add a name to prayers for the sick, kindly contact the Parish Center Office at 631-584-5454

Allison Ioli,
Angela Amoroso
Angelo Peluso
Antoinette Rotolo
Anna & John Capizzio
Baby Adeline
Baby Kennedy
Baby Mattia Rose Lubrano
Brian R.
Bob Keenan,
Carole Hennessy
Charles Morgan
Donalea Donach & Peter
Elinor Glasser
Gail Morreale
Gene Morda
Helen McDowell
Ian Dowling
Jeanine Esposito-Tansey
Joan Kranz
J.C.
Joann Boccia
John Boland
John Cuccia

Jordan Marvelli
Jon Kessel
Joseph
Karlyn Phillips,
Kathleen N.,
Kitty Cronin
Marie Sabry,
Marty Caltabiano
Matthew
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Patricia Monetti
Paula Cote
Peter McGreavy
Robin Graham Denis,
Tim Cavooris,
Tom Sica,
Vicki Archdeacon-Gibb,
Vivien Cordes ,
Yanni
Zachary Esposito-Tansey

Welcome to Nursery!

We are off to a great start! The students are excited for a year full of learning, playing, praying, and fun! We began the year by learning that we are all children of God and made Child of God crowns. The students have been enjoying the warm weather and they love to play outside, especially with bubbles! It is going to be an awesome year!



SSPJ SCHOOL NEWS!

Welcome to Nursery B!

We have been having so much fun in Nursery! The students have been so excited learning new things everyday through play and prayer. We began the year by learning classroom rules and how to be a kind friend. The students have been having so much fun making new friends and playing outside on the playground!



Celebrating the Liturgy- With Grateful Hearts We Serve

PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR September 28th & 29th, 2019

Saturday, September 28, 2019 5:00pm	Sunday, September 29, 2019 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, September 29, 2019 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, September 29, 2019 12:00 MASS
Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Tom Haggerty
Deacon John	Deacon John	Deacon Ron	Deacon Ron

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE-FOR September 28th & 29th, 2019

Saturday, September 28, 2019	Sunday, September 29, 2019	Sunday, September 29, 2019	Sunday, September 29, 2019
5:00PM	8:00 AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
P. Damato	M. Kenney	J. Scott	M. Napoli
J. Duffy	P. Martin	L. Sisti	M. Hoonhout
D. Earl	V. Portanova	E. Sotomayer	E. Law
M. Fox	W. Ramos	J. Sweeney	M. McCreesh
E. Kaleita, Jr.	K. Rapp	J. Tafra	M. Peykar
P. Kaleita	E. Sica	M. Tully	P. Roman
H. Keenan	T. Sica	J. Lavan	C. Rubano
G. Priebe	W. Van Gostein	D. McCormick	V. Rubano
L. Taurassi	C. Czujko	D. Mulhall	B. Chandler
D. Toto	J. Giacalone	O. Laiz	T. Laiz

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE-FOR September 28th & 29th, 2019

Saturday, September 28, 2019	Sunday, September 29, 2019	Sunday, September 29, 2019	Sunday, September 29, 2019
5:00PM MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
J. Leber	A. Calalet	J. Hubert	G. Lombardi
R. Laro	M. Russo	J. Prew	J. Lombardi
T. Miller	B. Keese	S. Ramos	C. D'Agostino
V. Scarpelli	K. Keese		

LECTOR SCHEDULE-FOR September 28th & 29th, 2019

Saturday, September 28, 2019	Sunday, September 29, 2019	Sunday, September 29, 2019	Sunday, September 29, 2019
5:00PM MASS	8:00 AM MASS	10:00AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
R. Donegan	E. Dobres	P. Geier	G. Hoonhout
8th Grade Student	A. Mantia	E. Nicastro	P. Wos

September 29, 2019 • 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year C

Warnings About Extravagance

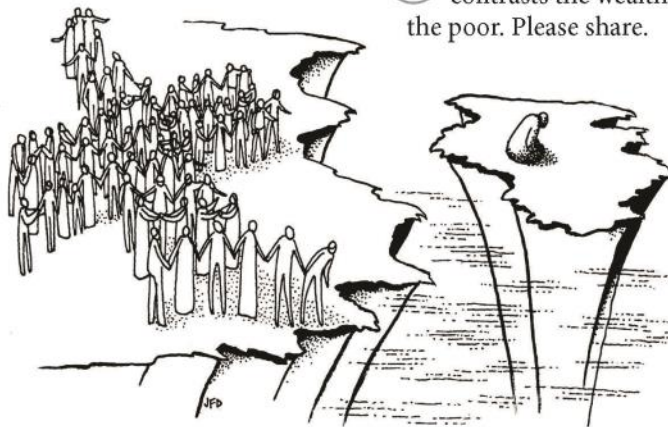
This Week's Readings at Mass

- Amos 6:1a, 4-7 - Third woe
- 1 Timothy 6:11-16 - The good fight of faith
- Luke 16:19-31 - The rich man and Lazarus

This week's readings focus on extravagant wealth, poverty, and economic inequality. The passage from Amos continues the theme of last week's reading calling out the sinfulness of the extremely wealthy. They are living in luxury (beds of ivory! eating veal! drinking wine from bowls, not cups!) while around them the needy are being ignored and their country is crumbling. Presumably the poor can rarely afford meat, much less veal, and are sleeping on the ground. Jesus paints a similar picture of the disparity between the rich man Lazarus and the poor beggar at his door ending with a harsh or consoling conclusion, depending on the status of the listener/reader.

Luke's Gospel has more parables and teachings about wealth and poverty than any other, including this one about the rich man and Lazarus. Because Luke also wrote the Acts of the Apostles—which continues with many examples of money used appropriately or not—we can presume that Jesus (and the author Luke) was addressing an audience that included a mix of both wealthy and poor people. In Jesus' world, there weren't many in-between, with almost no middle class to speak of.

In reality, most of the wealth amassed by the rich came from the exploitation of the poor, although sometimes the religious and cultural presumption was that the rich were rich because God favored them while the poor did something to lose God's favor. Jesus flatly contradicts this idea with his para-



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"The Lord gives sight to the blind ...raises up those who were bowed down."

Sheepish Question:

Where have I failed to notice someone in need?

ble. Abraham's statement, "They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them" was a clear reminder to Jesus' listeners about God's desires for money and possessions to be shared and used for the benefit of everyone. "Moses and the prophets" was a catch phrase referring to the Jewish scriptures (our Old Testament). Of the 600+ commandments contained in those books, many of them detailed how wealth should be fairly distributed so that no one was left destitute. Clearly, the rich man in this parable had ignored Jewish law.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Think about a modern day example that contrasts the wealth of some with the plight of the poor. Please share.
- 2 How might God be calling you to share your wealth and possessions more equitably and justly?

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Some Counsels on Faith and Religion for our Present Generation

It's no secret that today we're witnessing a massive decline in church attendance and, seemingly, a parallel loss of interest in religion. The former mindset, within which we worried, sometimes obsessively, about sin, church-going, and heaven and hell no longer holds sway for millions of people. As one parent, worried about the religious state of his children, shared with me recently, "our old religious concerns never ever darken their minds." What's to be said in the face of this?

Admittedly, I may not be the person best-suited to offer that advice. I'm over 70 years old, a spiritual writer whose main focus of research and teaching right now is on the spirituality of aging, and I'm a Roman Catholic priest, a religious insider, who can be perceived as simply a salesman for religion and the churches.

But, despite that, here are some counsels on faith and religion for today's generation.

First: *Search honestly.* God's first concern is not whether you're going to church or not, but whether you are staying honest in your search for truth and meaning. When the Apostle Thomas, doubts the reality of the resurrection, Jesus doesn't scold him, but simply asks him to stretch out his hand and continuing searching, trusting that if he searches honestly he will eventually find the truth. The same is true for us. All we have to do is be honest, to not lie, to acknowledge truth as it meets us. In John's Gospel, Jesus sets out only one condition to come to God: *Be honest and never refuse to acknowledge what's true, no matter how inconvenient.* But the key is to be honest! If we're honest we will eventually find meaning and that will lead us where we need to go – perhaps even to a church door somewhere. But even if it doesn't, God will find us. The mystery of Christ is bigger than we imagine.


Second: *Listen to what's deepest inside you.* Soul is a precious commodity. Make sure you honor yours. Honor the voice inside your soul. Deeper than the many enticing voices you hear in world inviting you in every direction is a voice inside you which, like an insatiable thirst, reminds you always of the truth of this prayer from Saint Augustine: *You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.* Stay in touch with that voice. You will hear it in your restlessness and it will, in the words of Karl Rahner, teach you something that's initially is hard to bear but eventually sets you free: *In the torment of the insufficiency of everything attainable, we eventually learn that here in this life there is no finished symphony.*

Third: *Beware the crowd!* In the Gospels the word "crowd" is almost always pejorative. For good reason: Crowds don't have a mind and the energy of a crowd is often dangerous. So beware of what Milan Kundera calls "the great march", namely, the propensity to be led by ideology, group-think, the latest trend, the popular person or thing, the false feeling of being right because the majority of people feel that way, and the social pressures coming from both the right and the left. Be true to yourself. *Be the lonely prophet who's not afraid to be alone on the outside.* Dream. Be idealistic. Protect your soul. Don't give it away cheaply.

Fourth: *Don't confuse faith with the churches – but don't write off the churches too quickly.* When they ask those without religious affiliation today why they aren't religious invariably their answer is: "I just don't believe it anymore." But what's the "it" which they no longer believe? *What they don't believe anymore isn't in fact the truth about God, faith, and religion, but rather what they've heard about God, faith, and religion.* Sort that out and you will find that you do have faith. Moreover, don't write off the churches too quickly. They have real faults; you're not wrong about that, but they're still the best GPS available to help you find your way to meaning. They're a roadmap drawn up by millions of explorers who have walked the road before you. You can ignore them, but then be alert to God's gentle voice often saying: "Recalculating". God will get you home, but the churches can help.

Fourth: *Don't forget about the poor.* When you touch the poor, you're touching God and, as Jesus says, at the judgment day we will be judged by how we served the poor. Give yourself away in some form of altruism, knowing, as Jesus puts it, that it's not those who say Lord, Lord, who go to heaven but those who serve others. In your search, you need to get a letter of reference from the poor.

Fifth: *Look among your contemporaries for a patron to inspire you.* Jean Vanier, Henri Nouwen, Thomas Merton, Dorothy Day, Oscar Romero, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Simone Weil, Etty Hillesum, and Dag Hammarskjold, among others – they've all navigated your issues.



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