



The Parish of Saints Philip and James
1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

631-584-5454

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018



*"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all my being,
Bless his holy name"*

Psalms: 103

*"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

Pastoral Team

Father Tom Haggerty
Father Patrick Osei-Poku
Deacon Ronald Blasius
Deacon John Keenan
Deacon Ken Maher
Margaret Adams
Virginia Portanova
John Cordes
Lynn Sisti
Charlotte Czujko
Barbara Luna
Dominick Avento
Suzanne Fitzgibbon
Frank Brancaccio

Pastor
Associate Pastor
Deacon
Deacon
Deacon
Director of Music
Business Manager
Director of Facilities
Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry
Religious Education Coordinator Grades 1-2
Religious Education Coordinator Grades 3-6
Religious Education Coordinator Grades 7-8
Religious Education Administrator
Youth Minister

Pastoral Council

Claire DiCarlo, Chris Donnelly, Richard Frazita, Lou Guerra, Kelsey Greco, Cynthia Lombardi, Martin Marut, Ann Mondrone, Mary Ann Pose, Noel Rannazzisi, Tom Sica, Dr. John Primavera

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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 RCLA.

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,

In today's gospel, Jesus prays for the community - the community of his disciples - and that includes us. Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP, reflects:

Our parish church has often provided us with a community to celebrate our joys, as well as offer us solace and comfort when we needed it. It has introduced us to a big family that has nothing to do with blood lines, skin color, language, or place of origin. Here, at very special moments, and even ordinary ones, we felt we could almost touch the mystery of God.

There is something else: While we have been strengthened and comforted in our worshiping community and enabled to return to face our lives "out there," still, it should also have been a place where we were made restless and uncomfortable – if the gospel was the focus of preaching and our worship.

In today's gospel, Jesus is praying for his disciples, whom he is about to leave behind. He is praying for us as well. "I gave them your word, and the world hated them." While the Word of God, Christ's gift to us, can reassure us and give us comfort, it also should make us uncomfortable, for it questions our lives, probes our values and challenges how we treat one another. No escape here! In this place, as we gather week after week and listen to Christ's words, we are made aware that we are not yet fully the disciples Jesus calls us to be: not yet, forgiving, compassionate, loving and just.

Thank you for enriching our community of Apostles of Hope!

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, mothers-to-be and all who have loved and guided us with a mother's love. During May we honor Mary, the Mother of Jesus. One of Mary's many titles is Queen of Peace. Each day of May let's say an extra prayer - perhaps when praying grace - asking Mary to help us to bring peace to our world and to our families. So much violence fills our newspapers and our media. May Mary guide us to non-violent alternatives for resolving conflicts and expressing emotions.

Next weekend we celebrate the great feast of the beginnings of the church. Yes, it's time for the wearing of the **RED**, a traditional color for the Holy Spirit, to mark the feast of Pentecost. Jesus promised to send the Spirit as our Advocate, our Helper, One who deepens in us the gifts of wisdom, understanding, knowledge, courage, right judgment, reverence and wonder and awe. So as we take down our Paschal Lambs and we extinguish the light on our Paschal Candle which has been lit at every Mass this Easter season, we allow the Spirit to lead us as Apostles of Hope to love and to serve. As Apostles of Hope, may we reflect the fruits of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. We are the Church together!

Many thanks to all who supported the religious formation of our young ones this year in the Barnabas Ministry, i.e. those who responded to the children's reflection with words of encouragement and affirmation! If you'd like to share any of your thoughts on the experience, I would appreciate hearing them. Additionally, we will be holding an evaluation and "fine tuning" session on the reflections sheets on Tuesday, May 22nd, in the Philip and James Room. All are invited to join in as we begin preparations for next season. And,

The room was full of pregnant women with their husbands.

The instructor said, "Ladies, remember that exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial and will make delivery that much easier. Just pace yourself, make plenty of stops and try to stay on a soft surface – like grass.

"Gentlemen, remember -- you're in this together. It wouldn't hurt you to go walking with her. In fact, that shared experience would be good for you both."

The room suddenly became very quiet as the men absorbed this information. After a few moments a man, name unknown, at the back of the room, slowly raised his hand.

"Yes?" said the Instructor.

"I was just wondering if it would be all right, if she carries a golf bag while we walk?"

Peace,

Father Tom

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

This Weekend, May 12th & 13th, 2018
Second Collection for the:
Catholic Communication Campaign



The Catholic Communication Campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media.
Fifty percent of funds collected during this campaign remain in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message!

To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

Come Join The Peanut Butter and Jelly Gang on Sunday, May 20th, 2018!



PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY GANG SUNDAYS

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

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

When? Sunday- May 20, 2018

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

Where? Auditorium

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

****Volunteers are asked to bring three loaves of WHOLE WHEAT bread, one jar of jelly and two jars of peanut butter.** In addition, any youth volunteers are to be picked up in front of SSPJ School on Clinton Ave. at 12:15-12:30

******WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF BOXES TO TRANSPORT OUR SANDWICHES . WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMPUTER PAPER BOXES WITH LIDS TO BE DROPPED OFF IN THE AUDITORIUM THE MORNING OF THE PBJ SESSION. THANK YOU!!**

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

Music Ministry

The month of May is the Month of Our Lady, Mary. This week is also Mother's Day. We honor our mother's past and present.

*The hymns this weekend will be in honoring Mary and our Mothers'.
You will hear at Communion, the choir sing "The Hail Mary" and our Communion hymn is On This Day O Beautiful Mother.*

Listen to "The Hail Mary" and sing along to On This Day O Beautiful Mother # 698.

Sing your praise to our Lady and to our Moms.





Women's Voices Awakening the Spirit Within

(Formally, The Circle of Women)

Will Gather Together

On

Monday, May 21, 2018

At 7pm in the Saints Philip & James Room

“In Our Mother's Hands”

~Nurturing your soul...

~Finding God in your story...

~Journaling, “A love letter to Jesus”

~Embracing moments of Grace

*To All the Women of Our Parish, kindly join us
as we embark upon the journey of our stories...*

*Please invite that “woman's voice”, a friend, a sister, a mother, a
mentor, who has been the strength, the inspiration, the voice of
faith as you walk the steps of your journey... giving yourselves
the gift of time to be nourished,
to uncover, your moments of Grace.*

Margaret W. Tarrant

SSPJ School...Exciting News!

Our Search Committee has completed its work! I am happy to announce we have chosen the next principal of SSPJ School – Ms. Diane Anderson! Diane is a familiar face at SSPJ, having taught in our school for 8 years. Her qualifications for administrative leadership are excellent, and her passion and creativity for the formation of our young people is boundless.

After receiving the news of her appointment, Diane immediately responded with enthusiasm and a burning desire to continue our strengths and explore innovative ways of creating an atmosphere of faithful discipleship and academic excellence which will make SSPJ a school with a waiting list for entrance.

Diane, we welcome you in this new role and you have our loving prayers and support .

The Good News of Sts. Philip & James School



Enrolling Now

for the 2018- 2019 School Year!

SSPJ School Pre-K -5th grade & SSPJ Academy 6th - 8th grade

*The best gift you can give a child is a Catholic Education.
It is a gift that will last a lifetime.*

Sts. Philip & James School offers:

High Academic Standards

Strong Faith Formation

Community Support

Character development in a safe and welcoming environment

Personal and individualized attention

Strong focus on providing leadership and service to others

And, SO MUCH MORE

You are welcome to stop in and visit!

View the SSPJ Website and Facebook Page to see all that we have to offer.

Kindly Contact , Mrs. Ruth Testa, School Principal

For additional information

Or, to setup a tour/class visit,

Please call: 631-584-7896

THE MEN'S FORUM

AT THE CHURCH OF SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES

A brotherhood of men dedicated to growing in their faith & discipleship in the Lord Jesus Christ.



MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018

Speaker: TBA

Topic: TBA

We are a brotherhood of Catholic men who meet at Saints Philip & James R.C. Church and are dedicated to growing in our faith and discipleship in the Lord Jesus Christ. We gather twice a month to pray, listen to spiritual wisdom, and draw strength from one another in fellowship. We seek to become better men of Christian virtue and witness in our families, friendships, Church, and community.

Please join us for inspiring talks and fellowship. Experience new opportunities to be open to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit in how the Lord is calling us to grow as Catholic men of faith.

LOCATION: Main Church: 359 Clinton Avenue, 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!

Website: www.sspjmensforum.org



CHURCH of SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES

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**Ss. Philip and James
Office of Youth Ministry
631-584-5454**

Vacation Bible Camp



July 16th - 20th

**9:30am - 12:00pm
Monday - Friday
For children ages 4-9 years old.**

Theme "Miracles of Jesus"

Vacation Bible Camp is a long-standing tradition at Saints Philip and James. VBC is a one week experience where **4 -9 year olds** are introduced to our faith through music, dance, arts & Crafts, outside activities and daily assemblies. VBC is a place for children to sing, laugh, learn, pray and meet new friends. Special events and Surprises at the end of the program.

* \$25 Tuition includes supplies, a daily healthy snack and a VBC T-Shirt.
Registration forms will be received at the Rectory One Carow place St. James, NY 11780

CAMPER REGISTRATION 2018

Camper's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

DOB _____ Age _____ Grade (as of 9/18) _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

E-Mail _____ Allergies _____

Emergency Contact _____

Contact # _____ Relationship _____

Special Needs: _____

T-Shirt Size (Children's) S M L (Adult) S M L XL

Religious Education News

Congratulations to all of our Religious Education Students who have received the blessed sacrament of First Holy Communion.

May God keep you and hold each and everyone of you in the palm of his hands, and bless your beautiful families with his love and grace.

A very special thank you to all of our Communion II Religious Education Teachers whose unfailing dedication and love have touched and molded the lives of each and every student and family.

Thankyou to Charlotte Czujko Religious Education Coordinator for grades 1 and 2 for all of your hard work ,dedication and support to all your Students, Families and Teachers.

*To All Our Catechists and anyone who maybe considering sharing your gift of faith with our Religious Education Students,
There will be a Religious Education Recruitment Meeting on:.*

Monday, May 14, 2018 at 7 pm

In the Sts. Philip and James Room in the Parish Center.

At this meeting, we wish to thank all of our very special and dedicated Catechists as well as introduce our Religious Education program to anyone interested in becoming involved as a Catechist.

We invite you to attend this meeting to learn more about our program.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Light refreshments will be served in appreciation of your time.

If you are able to attend, kindly rsvp to: sfsspjr@yahoo.com by May 11, 2018

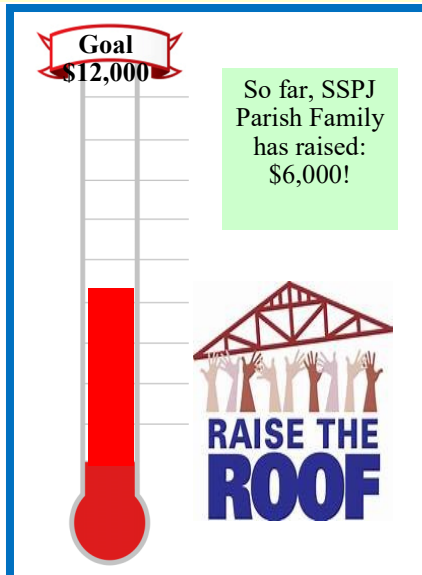
Charlotte Czujko, Barbara Luna, and Dominick Avento~

Religious Education Coordinators

Parish Social Ministry



If you are fluent in any foreign language, please call the Parish Social Ministry Office at 631-584-5454. We are doing a project for Pentecost and could use your help! Thank you!



Our FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP:

- ♦ ♦ Tomato Sauce in Plastic jars
- ♦ ♦ Macaroni & Cheese
- ♦ ♦ Canned Chicken

Your continued generosity and compassion fill our shelves and hearts with love and gratitude.

For He has satisfied the thirsty soul, And the hungry soul He has filled with what is good.

2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Supporting Dramatic Missionary Growth
on Long Island and Beyond

Hands of Christ's Mercy



GOAL
\$119,700.00

Pledges at 5/9/2018

\$106,505.

*We are currently at 89%
of our Catholic Ministries Appeal
Goal of \$119,700!*

*In any small way, might you help us reach our goal?
Many thanks for your kindness and
generosity of heart!*



"I knew something was wrong as soon as I saw him..."

For Long Island's homebound seniors, **Meals-on-Wheels** is a lifesaver. Every weekday, the program delivers hot, nutritious meals to seniors in Nassau and Suffolk counties. Meals-on-Wheels case managers also assist these seniors in accessing other services they might need.

"I knew something was wrong as soon as I saw him," explains Steve, a driver for Catholic Charities' Meals-on-Wheels. Steve had been delivering meals to Ed for several years and upon arriving that fateful day, immediately observed that he seemed disoriented.

Steve knew Ed was diabetic, so he checked his blood sugar and saw that it was low. He poured him some orange juice but sensed there was something more serious going on. *"I kept asking him to let me call 911 but he resisted. I couldn't accept that so I just casually stuck around, making my case. He finally admitted that he didn't have anyone to care for his dog if he was hospitalized, so I promised I would, and that's when he gave me the green light to call."*

It was a good thing, too. At the hospital Ed was diagnosed with a serious blood infection that kept him there for nearly four months. In the meantime, Steve cared for the dog until Ed's sister arrived from out of town.

Your gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal support so many programs that help us to serve our seniors and others who come to us for help each day.

Please consider donating to the Appeal and making a difference in the lives of others.

Make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish _____ Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____ Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

THANK YOU!

SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of May 13th, 2018

Sunday, May 13th, 2018

8:00am	SSPJ School Guild Gala Ticket Sales	School Lobby
8:30am	RCIA	SSPJ Room
9:00am	KOC Hospitality Sunday	Auditorium
10:00am	Children's Liturgy	Auditorium
11:00am	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Wksp
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room

Monday, May 14th, 2018

1:15pm	Senior Group Meeting	Philip & James Room
7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting	Auditorium
7:00pm	REO Catechist Meeting	Philip & James Room

Tuesday, May 15th, 2018:

1:30pm	Spirit of Love Prayer Group	Prayer Room In Church
7:00pm	Catholic Daughter's Meeting	Auditorium
7:30pm	Chords of Faith Rehearsal	Choir Loft
8:00pm	Boy Scout Leadership Meeting	Monte Building

Wednesday, May 16th, 2018:

7:00pm	School Spring Concert	Auditorium
7:00pm	Youth Ministry	Auditorium

Thursday, May 17th, 2018:

2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
3:00pm	Youth Ministry Virtus Facilitators Training	Philip & James Rm
7:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Choir Loft

Friday, May 18th, 2018:

7:00pm	AA Meeting	Philip & James Room
8:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church

Saturday, May 19th, 2018:

12:00pm	CAMPS 'R' US OPEN HOUSE	SSPJ School/lobby
6:00pm	SSPJ School Guild Gala	Auditorium

Weekly Collection:
 Sunday May 6, 2018
 Sunday Collection: \$12,359
 Faith Direct: \$3,823
 Children's Jug: \$45
 Catholic Elementary Schools
 Collection: \$3,019.
Total Collection: \$19,246.

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



*Our Pro-Life Rose
 For the Week of
 May 13th, 2018
 Is Offered In Remembrance
 Of,
 May 15, 1982
 When Pastor Tom
 Blessed My Marriage to
 Leon Peter Heffron
 Waiting in Joyful Hope,
 Carol*

The Rosary is said every morning
Monday thru Friday after the
7:30AM mass in the church also
 every morning before the 9:15AM
mass
Monday thru Saturday in the prayer
 room.

Eucharistic Adoration is available
 every Thurs. 2-4PM and Fri. evening
 8-9 PM in the main church



Banns of Marriage
First
 Michael James Smith-SSPJ
To
 Jessica Donna KJller
 Holy Cross-Nescoset
Second
 Thomas DeBello~SSPJ
To
 Cynthia IaFrate~SSPJ

Mass Intentions, For the week of May 13th, 2018

Saturday, May 12th, 2018

8:00pm Peter Byrne

Sunday, May 13th, 2018~Mother's Day

8:00am Mother's Day Novena

10:00am Mother's Day Novena

12:00Noon Collective Mass:
Mother's Day Novena

Monday, May 14th, 2018

7:30am Mother's Day Novena

9:15am Antonietta F. Wagner

Tuesday, May 15th, 2018

7:30am Mother's Day Novena

9:15am Patricia Rizzo

*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 Tallarico
Christina Meringolo
Daisy Abruzzo
David Shankles
Dawn Kopel
Dylan Lauro
Eileen Zink
Elinor Glasser
Faith VanGostein
Florence Donahue
Gerard Duffy
Ginny McAuley
Greg
Helen McDowell
Hillary Boehme
James Gietzen
Jeanine Esposito Tansey
Josette Perconti
Joseph Perconti

Joe Alberigo
John Bombace
John Capizzio
John Hernandez
Julianne
Kathleen N.
Kitty Cronin,
Kylie Quigley
Laura Andrucki & family
Linda Sue
Louis Giordano
Mark Montesano
Marie DelCiello,
Marie Fabry
Marie Loughlin
Mary McDonough
Michael LaVecchia
Nancy Fornabia
Pasquale Santoro
Patricia Casey
Patricia Fontana
Patricia Monetti
Paulette Agoglia
Robin Graham Denis
Raymond Fox
Rosemary Morgan
Sean Winters
Suzanne McCue
Terence Hobbes
Teresa Orlik
Terry Pace
Vivien Cordes

Wednesday, May 16th, 2018

7:30am Mother's Day Novena
9:15am Dorothea Shearman

Thursday, May 17th, 2018

7:30am Mother's Day Novena
9:15am Collective Mass:
Dorothy K. Dundon-McKinney

Friday, May 18th, 2018

7:30am Mother's Day Novena
9:15am Grace Giannantonio

Saturday, May 19th, 2018

9:15am Mother's Day Novena
5:00pm Louis Scala

Sunday, May 20th, 2018

8:00am Mother's Day Novena
10:00am Richard "Soupy" Ligon

12:00Noon Collective Mass:
Walter D. Wozny
Anthony & Josephine Spadafino
Rina Pisotti
Sally Washburn
Joseph M. Clarke

We Pray for those Who Serve



LCDR. MEGAN M. SHUTKA-VIK, USN
CAPT. WILSON MARKS, USN
CAPTAIN MICHAEL DOLAN, JR.
LT. COL. JOHN KAIRE
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
CORPORAL DANIEL P. STEELE, USMC
SGT. CORY O'HARA USMC
CDR. ROBERT J. MARSH, USN
PFC. CHARLES CHRISTOPHER HOWELL
JOHN VINCENT KNOBLOCH, USMC
STEVEN CAVA, USN
ERIC SEELIN, USMC
CW2 CHRIS MUNZ
CW2 NATASHA WORTMAN
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.
ENS. RYAN M. SHOWS U.S.N.
STAFF SGT. RYAN REXRODE U.S.M.C.
DR. KARA VANDEKIEFT, LT.COL.USAF
SGT. STEPHEN D. OUTCAULT, USMC

Safely Home... We Remember,

**Charles Saladino
Richard Blowers**

SSPJ School News

Apostles of Hope (April)

Pre-K:

Silvana Franco: She has Jesus in her heart and always shows love and kindness to her classmates. Silvana loves to pray and even knows how to sign her prayers using ASL. She is doing a great job letting her Light shine.

Kindergarten

John Gramer: He has worked extremely hard on becoming a class leader. John is very helpful in his classroom and assists his teachers whenever possible.

First Grade:

Tyler Farrell: He has gone out of his way to help his friends with class activities. Tyler has shown how to follow in God's footsteps.

Quinlan Murray: He is extremely helpful and always looking to help his friends complete their work. Quinlan has shown his classmates how to help others the way God helped others.

Second Grade:

Sarah Franco: She always treats her classmates with respect. Sarah uses manners when she speaks to others and is a friend to all her classmates.

Third Grade:

Lilvanna Marino: She is an excellent role model for the children in our school. Lily is kind, sweet, and always has a positive attitude.

Joseph Nigro: He is an enthusiastic learner and always contributes to class discussions.

Fourth Grade:

Madelyn Saladino: She is very active in her Catholic faith. She is an altar server, attends, and participates at Mass regularly. Madelyn is a member of the "Stained Glass Club". She is always welcoming to everyone, is an excellent role model, and demonstrates her Discipleship to Christ through both her words and actions.

Fifth Grade:

Shannon Donnelly: She is a kind, sweet, respectful student who attends Mass regularly with both her class and her family. Shannon puts thought and effort into writing and submitting her weekly reflections.

Sixth Grade:

Courtney D'Agostino: She is a kind and cheerful 6th grade student. Courtney is an altar server, sings in the school choir, and is training to be a cantor.

Seventh Grade:

Jack Auleta: He is an altar server, as well as a monitor for our elementary students. Jack works extremely hard to achieve his goals.

Eighth Grade:

Connor Collett: He is very cooperative and always is willing to donate his time to help his fellow classmates. Connor reads at Mass on Fridays and gives his time as a monitor in the elementary grades.

Mrs. Howard's Third Grade Class enjoyed a fun educational day at the Holtville Ecology Center and Safety Town in Holtville. The children went on a guided tour of the zoo, had lunch in the park, played in the playground, and participated in an educational lesson on road safety. The children learned about bicycle safety and enjoyed driving battery powered cars in their miniature town. What a GREAT DAY!





SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES SPRING GALA

THE ANTHONY J. WEIDNER PARISH SERVICE AWARD
WILL BE PRESENTED TO

CLAIRE DICARLO

SATURDAY, MAY 19TH 6:00PM – 10:00PM

SSPJ CHURCH AUDITORIUM

COCKTAIL HOUR & DINNER BY: VILLA SORRENTO
ENTERTAINMENT, DANCING, SODA, & WINE

SPONSORSHIP (CIRCLE ONE)

\$500 Benefactor \$250 Patron \$100 Sponsor \$50 Friends Other \$ _____

TICKET SALES

Reserve _____ Seats @ \$50 each

Sorry, I am unable to attend. Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Total Amount \$ _____

Check MasterCard Visa Amex

Credit card number: _____

Exp Date _____ CVV _____

Signature _____

Make checks payable to: Sts Philip & James School Guild
359 Clinton Avenue, St. James, NY 11780

Questions Contact: Lisa Stephen at schoolguild@sspjschool.net



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES COUNCIL
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

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

Breakfast Sponsored By:
Doda's Gold Shield Catering

May the Course Be With You



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: _____

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

Sponsorship Information:

Please Make Checks Out To:

Sts. Philip & James K of C Council #12839
P.O. Box 201 St. James, NY 11780

For Credit Card or PayPal:

Please Visit Our Home Page / Website:
www.kofcsspj.org



*The Parish of Saints Philip & James
359 Clinton Avenue, Saint James, New York 11780*

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In Honor of All Uniformed Services Personnel

Sunday, May 20th, 2018

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Roger Urce at (631) 682-1677—SCPD Retired

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Celebrating the Liturgy- With Grateful Hearts We Serve

PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR May 19th & 20th, 2018

Saturday, May 19, 2018 5:00 PM	Sunday, May 20, 2018 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, May 20, 2018 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, May 20, 2018 12:00 MASS
Father Tom Haggerty	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Patrick Osei-Poku
Deacon Ron		Deacon Ron	Deacon John

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE-FOR May 19th & 20th, 2018

Saturday, May 19, 2018	Sunday, May 20, 2018	Sunday, May 20, 2018	Sunday, May 20, 2018
5:00 PM	8:00 AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
G. Alfano	R. Doda, Sr.	B. Carey	P. Agoglia
I. Arevalo	M. Dunn	H. Collins	M. Laub
R. Byrne	R. Fabian	N. Locastro	E. Sotomayer
P. Damato	C. Haff	P. Rizzo	M. Hoonhout
D. Doran	W. Haff	M. Koke	E. Law
J. Duffy	K. Consenz	B. Luna	M. McCreesh
A. Dunn	J. Giacalone	S. McKie	M. Peykar
D. Earl	W. Van Gostein	M. Morbillo	P. Roman
M. Fox	G. Beisel	M. Sehne	C. Rubano
A. Keenan	L. Beisel	C. Lombardi	V. Rubano

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE-FOR May 19th & 20th, 2018

Saturday, May 19, 2018	Sunday, May 20, 2018	Sunday, May 20, 2018	Sunday, May 20, 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	C. D'Agostino
M. Page	J. Tobin	M. Tomasic	G. Lombardi
S. Page	E. Nicastro	O. Jacobs	J. Lombardi
R. Green	K. Nicastro	E. Anderson	

LECTOR SCHEDULE-FOR May 19th & 20th, 2018

Saturday, May 19, 2018	Sunday, May 20, 2018	Sunday, May 20, 2018	Sunday, May 20, 2018
5:00PM MASS	8:00 AM MASS	10:00AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
A. Mantia	J. Auletta	B. O'Leary	P. O'Hara
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Getting Ready for Next Sunday

May 20th— Feast of Pentecost— 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. Click 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 Craghan, 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?

PROTEST, SANITY, AND A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE

Dreaming is sometimes the most realistic thing we can do. Or, is there still something else we might do, like public protest, or something else?

In his book on prophecy, *Commandments for the Long Haul*, Daniel Berrigan offers this advice. Prophetic gestures aren't always politically effective. Often they accomplish nothing that's practical; but he adds: *If you can't save the world at least you can save your own sanity.*

Sometimes that's all that can be accomplished by our protests against injustice. Moreover struggling to salvage our own sanity is not as privatized as it first appears. When we protest something that's wrong, even though we know our protest is not going to practically change anything, the sanity we are saving is not just our own. We're also *saving the sanity of the moment.*

Commenting on the current activism on the issues of human rights and the environment of Booker Prize winning novelist, Arundhati Roy, art critic, John Berger, says this: "Profound political protest is an appeal to a justice that is absent, and is accompanied by a hope that in the future this justice will be established; this hope, however, is not the first reason the protest is made. One protests because not to protest would be too humiliating, too diminishing, too deadly. One protests (by building a barricade, taking up arms, going on a hunger strike, linking arms, shouting, writing) in order to save the present moment, whatever the future holds. ... A protest is not principally a sacrifice made for some alternative, more just future; it is an inconsequential redemption of the present." In essence, it preserves some sanity in the present moment.

But it may be inconsequential in terms of practically changing anything. Most everything remains the same. The injustice continues, the poor continue to be poor, the international scene continues to threaten war, racists continue to be racist, the environment continues to be ravaged, corruption continues to go unchecked, and dishonesty continues to get away with its lies. And so people go on marches, go to prison, go on hunger strikes, and sometimes even die for protesting, while the injustice, corruption, and dishonesty go on. At a certain point, logically and inevitably, we need to ask ourselves the question young Marius, in Jean Val Jean's, *Les Miserables*, asks after his friends have died while protesting and nothing seemingly changed: *What was your sacrifice for? Was this worth dying for?*

Those questions are valid, but they can have a positive answer. They didn't die in vain, for nothing, for an impractical idealism, for a naïve dream, for something they'd have outgrown had they lived longer. Rather their death was "an inconsequential redemption" of the present moment, meaning, its practical effectiveness may be immeasurable, but the moral seed it sows inside that moment will eventually help produce things that are measurable. All the women who initially protested for the vote never got to vote. But today many women do get to vote. The moral seed they planted in their inconsequential protests eventually produced something practical.

Sometimes you might feel pretty alone in making your protest and it might seem that you're working only at saving your own sanity and bewailing only your own diminishment and humiliation. But no one is an island. Your diminishment, your humiliation, and your sanity, are part of the immune system of all humanity. Everyone's health is partially dependent upon your health; just your health is partially dependent upon everyone else's.

And so protest is always in order and is indeed mandated by our faith. We may not remain passive in the face of injustice, inequality, racism, indifference to the poor, indifference to the Mother Nature, corruption, and dishonesty. We need to sow moral seeds into the present moment. How?

Not all of us (perhaps even most of us) are called upon to take up placards, make public protest, have ourselves arrested, or lay down our lives for a cause – except when the injustice or corruption is so extreme as to merit that. Normally, for most of us, our protest must be real but need not be the witness of martyrs.

I very much like a counsel proposed by Archbishop Paul-Andre Durocher of Gatineau, Quebec, in a recent issue of *America* magazine. Commenting on the tensions that exist today between our Christian faith and the complex challenges that come to us from the world, Durocher, after first acknowledging that there are no easy answers, offers this counsel: "The first step is to acknowledge them [the tensions]. Second, to understand why they arise. Third, to accept and even embrace them. And fourth, to commit to living a mature Christian faith in spite of those tensions." (*America*, April 30, 2018)

In the face of all that's happening in our world, some of which goes against everything we believe in and hold dear, sometimes all we can do is to hold our own moral ground, humbly, prophetically – and perhaps quietly.

And since that's all we can do, it's surely enough.