



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

631-584-5454

July 7, 2019

Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time



*Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.”
Col 3:15*

“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
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Deacon John Keenan
Deacon Ken Maher

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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 KAIREZ
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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 MCLAUGHLIN— 2ND LT. US ARMY NATL. GUARD

Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:

Weekly Collection: Sunday, June 30th, 2019

Faith Direct:

Total Weekly Collection:

Second Collection for: Peter's Pence

Forwarded to Diocese of Rockville Centre:

\$21,000

\$ 9,038.

\$ 2,877.

\$11,915.

\$1,672.

Thank you for your stewardship and contributions to our Parish

Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, we were anticipating celebrating the fourth of July, the anniversary of our country's independence. I came across a reflection by Fr. Larry Gillick, SJ:

Whenever there has been or is a rebellion for independence, whether that be a nation or merely a teenager, there follows a necessary search for identity. When the first thirteen rebellious colonies broke from England they had to spend years figuring out and fighting among themselves about who they would be. Of course we can spend our lives making personal declarations of independence and thereby we think we are free.

I remember a radio commercial about a brand of bread. The little lad told his mother he was running away from home. She asked him if he would like her to make a sandwich or two for the trip. He softly said that would be okay. Then he asked his mother if she would drive him.

As much as we love freedom and fight for it personally and nationally, spiritually we have to fight to retain our sense of relational dependence upon God. While everything around us invites or urges us to shake off anything that hinders our freedom, such rebellion leaves us alone with just what we were desiring, our selves. Self-reliance sounds psychologically healthy but religiously and spiritually it is a foolish phrase. We can celebrate "self-made" persons for their independent works, but they really were not self-made at all. They are given life, nourished by the loving motherly sandwiches of life.

In today's gospel, Jesus sends out his disciples, but not alone. We, too, are sent out, and we too are never sent alone. Along with our companions on the journey we also are constantly in the company of God. Like those early disciples, we too may encounter encouragement or challenges, be met with a warm welcome or rejection, experience joys or sorrows. Actually, like the early disciples we'll probably experience all of the above! But we journey on as Apostles of Hope, strengthened by Eucharist, guided by the Spirit, aided by one another, and "nourished by the loving motherly sandwiches of life."

We are almost there! So close!! Just a little more and we will reach our parish goal for this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal! CMA provides assistance to many people and programs on Long Island, and also offers us a parish rebate. Please, please, if you are able to help put us over the top, contact the parish office. Pledges or one-time donations of any amount are most appreciated. Thank you to all who have put us at the 90% mark! Now we reach for 100%!

And,

Two guys are walking through a game park & they come across a lion that has not eaten for days. The lion starts chasing the two men. They run as fast as they can and the one guy starts getting tired and decides to say a prayer, "Please turn this lion into a Christian, Lord." He looks to see if the lion is still chasing and he sees the lion on its knees. Happy to see his prayer answered, he turns around and heads towards the lion. As he comes closer to the lion, he hears it saying a prayer: "Thank you Lord for the food I am about to receive."

Peace,

Father Tom

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

News From Our Religious Education Ministry

*“Participating in the faith formation of our children,
that is where a relationship with Jesus, is born...
It begins with loving parents
and continues in the faith filled hands of a Catechist”*

Registration for the 2019-2020 Religious Education School Year will begin on June 24th, 2019:

*Please visit the Parish website at: www.sspj.org and follow the instructions
to enroll your child/children in our Religious Education Program for the
2019-2020 school year.*

*Any family registering a First Grader or a child new to our Parish, is asked
to contact us via email at religiously@sspj.org
or by phone at 631-584-3204
To arrange a convenient appointment date and time.*

Music Ministry

*I would like to recognize and thank our instrumentalists and cantors who play and
sing throughout the year.*



Cantors ~ Adults

Barbara Meringolo
Barbara O'Donnell
Jane Lohmann
Jeannie Hill
Susan Pace
Liam Butchart

Cantors ~ Teens

Grace Cazzaniga
Anthony Spezio



Instrumentalists - Susan Ricci ~ flute
Tim Adams and Jim Scully ~ guitars
Steve O'Donnell ~ drums

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with our parish family.

*We are almost there....your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated!
 Any contribution is a gift...to help those in need...
 If you can, your offering will be a blessing.
 2019 SSPJ GOAL ~ \$119,700.00: SSPJ is at 91% of Goal*

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19** CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
 DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
 Supporting *Dramatic Missionary Growth* in Our Community



Witnessing Forgiving Loving Helping Teaching Igniting Evangelizing
 Teaching Igniting Evangelizing Forgiving Loving Helping Witnessing

2019
CMA
GOAL
\$119,700

Pledges at
7/1/19
\$109,274

You can make a difference in the lives of those around us by making a gift to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal

Every Gift Counts!

A gift of \$25 may help pay the gas for a Meals-On-Wheels van to deliver food for a day.

A gift of \$50 from an emergency fund may help pay the electric bill in a cold winter month for a family in need.

A gift of \$100 may help care for a newborn infant in Catholic Charities Regina Residence.

A gift of \$250 may help subsidize a home for an adult who is developmentally disabled.

A gift of \$1,000 may help support a Seminarian's education.

Because of you, every year we are able to serve more than 600,000 people in our Long Island Community. This support enables our children to continue to receive the gift of spiritual formation, sacramental preparation, and quality education. It allows seminarians and lay leaders to fulfill their calling to serve the community. With your support Catholic Charities can maintain its services for the poor and disadvantaged, and we can continue to reach out to our young people and others to find the best ways to guide and pass on our faith from generation to generation and to be instruments of *Dramatic Missionary Growth*. **100% of all money raised is restricted to the ministries of the Appeal.**

For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

Please consider what you can do to make this campaign successful.

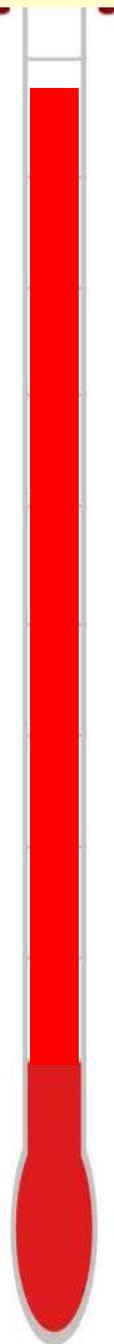
Please make your check payable to: Pledge: \$ _____
 Catholic Ministries Appeal Down Payment: \$ _____
 Balance: \$ _____

Parish: #148 -Ss. Phillip and James Church

Name: _____ Monthly Quarterly

Address: _____ Annually Other

City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____





On June 30th in Rome the Official opening of the 25th General Chapter of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth took place (Sister Theresita's community). Forty-two delegates participate in the Chapter as well as one observer from the mission in Ghana, representing the 14 countries in which our Congregation ministers.

Please keep the delegates and the entire congregation in your prayers so that we listen carefully to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit and the voice of the Church so that we may best fulfill our mission today and in the future. The chapter ends on July 21st.

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Vacation Bible Camp



Week 1 ~ July 22nd - 26th (or)

Week 2 ~ July 29th - Aug 2nd

Registration is available for either Week 1 or Week 2

(Curriculum will be the same for both weeks)

Monday – Friday from 9:30am – 12:00pm

This summer's theme is: "Bible Hero's"

Vacation Bible Camp 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.

- \$35 Tuition includes supplies, a daily healthy snack and a VBC T-Shirt.

* Registration is for either week 1 or week 2

Registration forms are available at the Parish Center Office
One Carow place St. James, NY 11780

CAMPER REGISTRATION 2019
WEEK 1 JULY 22 -26 ___ (OR) WEEK 2 JUL 29-AUG 2 ___

Camper's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

DOB _____ Age _____ Grade (as of 9/19) _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

E-Mail _____ Allergies _____

Emergency Contact _____

Contact # _____ Relationship _____

Special Needs: _____

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

SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of July 7th, 2019

Sunday, July 7th, 2019

11:00am Stained Glass Stained Glass Wkshp
7:00pm AA Meeting Philip & James Room

Monday, July 8th, 2019:

7:15am Camps R Us Main School Building
1:00pm Senior Group Meeting Philip & James Room

Tuesday, July 9th, 2019:

7:15am Camps R Us Main School Building
1:30pm Spirit of Love Prayer Group Church Prayer Room
1:30pm Cantor Training Church
7:00pm Stained Glass Stained Glass Wkshp
7:30pm KOC Officers Meeting Philip & James Room

Wednesday, July 10th, 2019

7:15am Camps R Us Main School Building

Thursday, July 11th, 2019

7:15am Camps R Us Main School Building
2:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church
7:30pm Pre-Baptism Class Philip & James Room

Friday, July 12th, 2019:

7:15am Camps R Us Main School Building
7:00pm AA Meeting Philip & James Room
7:00pm Wash Kit Gang Auditorium
8:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church

Saturday, July 13th, 2019

No Activities Planned

Sunday, July 14th, 2019:

11:00am Stained Glass Club Stained Glass Wkshp
7:00pm AA Meeting Sts. Philip & James Room

Our Pro Life Rose

For the Week of July 7th, 2019

Is Offered

***In Loving Memory of,
Jack Duffy***

***"Today is one more day in one special
way to say, I love You"
Jackie***

Catholic Daughters 2019 Labor Day 50/50 Raffle

**Ticket Sales THIS weekend
after all masses in the school
lobby
Drawing to be held on
Labor Day**

Thank you for your support

Lord Jesus,
During these summer months, we pray
for all families.
Bless them and help them to love each
other.
Through their life of prayer and service,
may
They become schools of true human
growth
And reflect your unfailing love.

Special Intentions of Pope Francis

The Altar Candles for the Week of July 7th, 2019

***Are Illuminating The Light of Jesus,
In remembrance of Birthday Memories***

Loving Father ~ Jerome R. Lotarski ~ July 2

Beloved Husband ~ Leon Peter Heffron ~ July 3

***With Our Love,
Christine & Carol***

Mass Intentions, For the week of July 7th, 2019

<p><u>Saturday, July 6th, 2019</u> 5:00pm James Ginty</p>	<p><u>Thursday, July 11th, 2019</u> 7:30am Lorraine Sayers 9:15am <u>Collective Mass:</u> Joseph Perconti Dan & Priscilla Liddy (Living)</p>
<p><u>Sunday, July 7th, 2019</u> 8:00am For the Parishioners of SSPJ 10:00am Dr. Frank Blazich 12:00Noon <u>Collective Mass:</u> Reverend William Duhigg Aurelia Manzl Brian Egitto Theresa Stramiello Mary B. Cournane</p>	<p><u>Friday, July 12th, 2019</u> 7:30am Mary Reid 9:15am Josette J. Perconti</p>
<p><u>Monday, July 8th, 2019</u> 7:30am Ryan Murray (Living) 9:15am Jack Duffy</p>	<p><u>Saturday, July 13th, 2019</u> 9:15am Mary Reid 5:00pm Eleanor Freund</p>
<p><u>Tuesday, July 9th, 2019</u> 7:30am Peggy Kearney 9:15am Helen Durlawanger</p>	<p><u>Sunday, July 14th, 2019</u> 8:00am For the Parishioners of Sts Philip & James 10:00am William Olsen 12:00Noon <u>Collective Mass:</u> Maria E. Remero Maria, Frank & Lourdes Thomas Leechin Theresa Stramiello Michelle Mossdrop Charles Wulforst</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, July 10th, 2019</u> 7:30am Theresa Stramiello 9:15am Janet DeRosa (Living)</p>	

*Wash Kit Gang will be meeting on
 Friday, July 12th in the Auditorium
 At 7pm-8pm Your Help is Always
 Appreciated!*

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

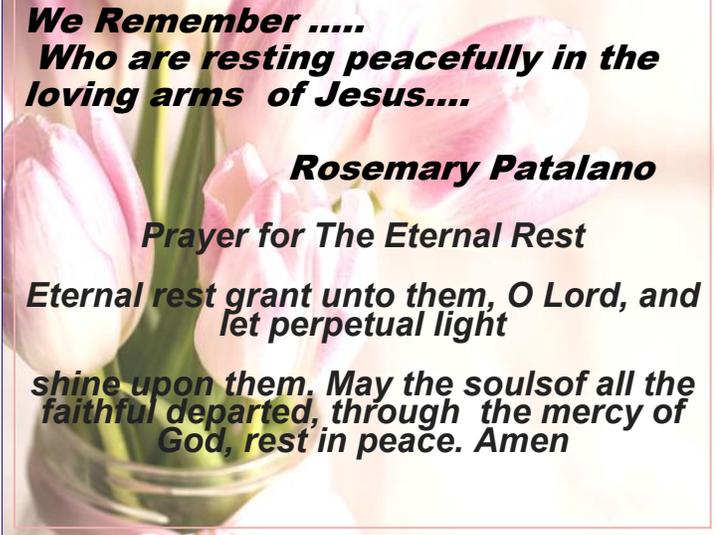
Al Salerno Allison Ioli, Angela Amoroso, Angelo Peluso, Angie Carr, Anna & John Capizzio Baby Adeline , Baby Kennedy Baby Mattia Rose Lubrano, Brian R. Bob Keenan, Carole Hennessy , Charles Morgan, Dena Pollina Donalea Donach Elinor Glasser Eric Shutka, Helen McDowell, Ian Dowling, Jeanine Esposito-Tansey,	Joann Boccia John Boland , Jordan Marvelli Joseph , Joseph Keane , Karlyn Phillips, Kathleen N., Kitty Cronin , Marie Sabry, Marty Caltabiano Matthew Michael LaVecchia, Patricia Fontana, Patricia Monetti, Robin Graham Denis, Tim Cavooris, Tom Sica, Vicki Archdeacon-Gibb, Vivien Cordes , Zachary Esposito-Tansey
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We Remember
Who are resting peacefully in the loving arms of Jesus....

Rosemary Patalano

Prayer for The Eternal Rest

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



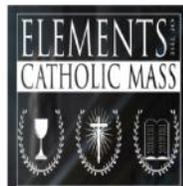
FORMED SUMMER TIME PICKS

Don't forget to also check out the recommendations on our SSPJ community page

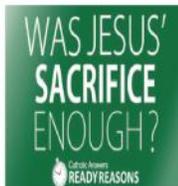
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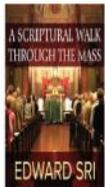
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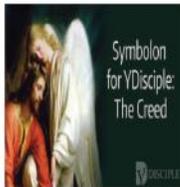
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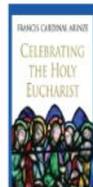
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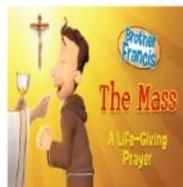
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INDEPENDENCE DAY

Watch: [Isaac Hecker and the Journey of Catholic America](#)

Listen: [Put Not Your Trust in Princes](#)

Listen: [In God We Trust](#)

Read: [Catholics in America](#)

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SAINT MARIA GORETTI

Watch: [Saint Maria Goretti: Fourteen Flowers of Pardon](#)

Watch: [Maria Goretti](#)

Listen: [St. Maria Goretti](#)

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SAINTS LOUIS AND ZELIE MARTIN (THERESE'S PARENTS)

Read: [A Family of Saints](#)

Read: [Married Saints and Blesseds Through the Centuries](#)

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SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA

Listen: [St. Kateri Tekakwitha: Lily of the Mohawks](#)

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SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE

Study: [Beloved: Living Marriage / Amado: Viviendo el Matrimonio*](#)

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Read: [How to Raise Good Catholic Children](#)

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Escuchar: [Seminario Nuestra Familia](#)

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Study: [True Reformers, Session 2: Saint Ignatius of Loyola](#)

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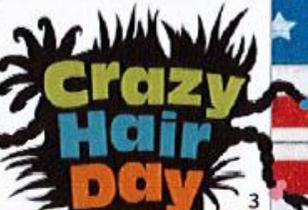
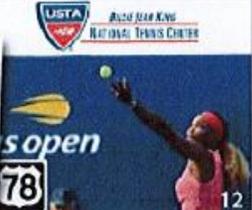
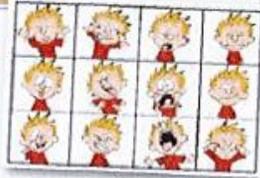
Camps R Us Week ONE...ABSOLUTE FUN!



Camps 'r' Us Summer Fun at SSPJ for July

ST. JAMES

JUNE/JULY 2019 • CAMP OPENS ON THURSDAY, JUNE 27TH

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 July 1 KK 78 \$		 2		 3		 June 27	 28
 8		 9		 12 34 56 78 10		 11	 12
 15		 KK 16		 56 17		 18	 34 19
 22		 #CampKindnessDay 23		 78 24		 34 56 78 \$ 25	 picture day 26

Saint James Campus Summer Phone: (631) 250-9393
 Ss. Philip & James School • 359 Clinton Avenue • Saint James, NY 11780

Camp Hours are 9 AM - 5 PM. Morning Drop-off is 8:40 - 9:10 AM. Afternoon Pickup is 4 - 5:10 PM.
 Extended Hours are 7:30 - 8:40 AM in the morning and 5:10 - 6 PM in the afternoon. Additional fees will apply.



Swimming and Bowling is scheduled when you see these icons.
Swimming Venue: Smithtown Landing Park Pool **Bowling Venue:** AMF Smithtown Lanes



Added fee & consent form required for attendance.



Trips are planned for each camper division, indicated by these icons.
 TT (Tiny Tots) | KK (KinderKamp) | 12 (Grades 1/2) | 34 (Grades 3/4) | 56 (Grades 5/6) | 78 (Grades 7/8)
 If your camper does not want to attend a trip, please ask your counselor to opt out.

This is a tentative schedule of events. The calendar is subject to change due to venue availability, transportation change and/or inclement weather.
 Trips, Theme Days and/or Special Events may be added, modified or removed before or during the camp season.



Celebrating the Liturgy- With Grateful Hearts We Serve

PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR July 13th & 14th, 2019

Saturday, July 13, 2019 5:00pm	Sunday, July 14, 2019 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, July 14, 2019 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, July 14, 2019 12:00 MASS
Father Tom Haggerty	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Maxim Rosario	Father Maxim Rosario
Deacon John	Deacon John	Deacon John	Deacon Ron

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE -FOR July 13th & 14th, 2019

Saturday, July 13, 2019	Sunday, July 14, 2019	Sunday, July 14, 2019	Sunday, July 14, 2019
5:00PM	8:00 AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
L. Keane	C. Czujko	G. Amen	M. Peykar
J. Kirdahy	P. Kanuika	D. Bleggi	P. Roman
O. Laiz	M. Kenney	R. Bleggi	C. Rubano
M. Latino	P. Martin	T. Boboris	V. Rubano
J. Lavan	V. Portanova	T. Cafaro	A. Mantia
D. Mulhall	W. Ramos	M. Dolce	B. Chandler
C. Napolitano	K. Rapp	C. Donnelly	T. Laiz
H. Orlando	E. Sica	A. Giordano	D. LaVecchia
W. Rodriguez	T. Sica	A. Henchel	M. Lebrun
P. Schifiliti	W. Van Gostein	M. Koke	J. Linder

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE -FOR July 13th & 14th, 2019

Saturday, July 13, 2019	Sunday, July 14, 2019	Sunday, July 14, 2019	Sunday, July 14, 2019
5:00PM MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
S. McCalvin	E. Nicastro	O. Jacobs	G. Lombardi
B. Tobin	K. Nicastro	K. Tomasic	J. Lombardi
R. Tobin	J. Saladino	M. Tomasic	M. Bennett
J. Scmillio	M. Saladino	N. Pileo	N. Stephens
J. Leber			S. Stephens

LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR July 13th & 14th, 2019

Saturday, July 13, 2019	Sunday, July 14, 2019	Sunday, July 14, 2019	Sunday, July 14, 2019
5:00PM MASS	8:00 AM MASS	10:00AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
R. Donegan	P. Kanuika	T. Cafaro	C. Rubano
L. Halluska	E. Dobres	A. Kaiser	L. Just

July 14, 2019 • 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year C

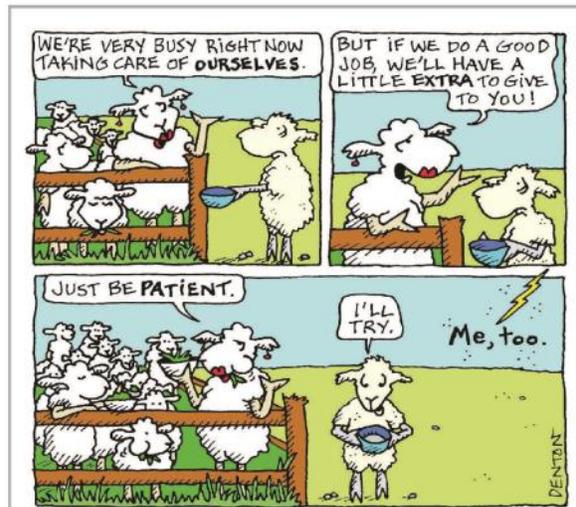
Where Do We Stand?

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Deuteronomy 30:10-14 - God's command clear
- ▶ Colossians 1:15-20 - Christ's fullness and reconciliation
- ▶ Luke 10:25-37 - The good Samaritan

Christianity has a long-standing tradition of teaching "natural law," the belief that all people can understand and agree with objective, universal moral teachings, regardless of their religion or education because they flow from nature. Because we all have a conscience, we can discern what is objectively good and what is objectively evil. Accordingly, anyone who hears Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan should recognize that it is the Samaritan, not the priest or the Levite, who does the right thing when he comes upon the victim who was beaten and robbed.

The lawyer who was testing Jesus in the finer points of the law knew it was the Samaritan who acted as a neighbor, but he had trouble swallowing this fact because the Jews despised Samaritans. The irony is that the Good Samaritan wasn't Jewish and didn't live according to the letter of all the 613 Jewish laws. What is even more ironic is that the priest and the Levite who passed by the victim were following the letter of the law which said they shouldn't touch a person who is bleeding, lest they become defiled themselves. If they were defiled they would not be allowed to minister in the Temple or function in the



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"This command that I enjoin on you today... is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts."

Sheepish Question:

How do I define—and carry out—love for my neighbor?

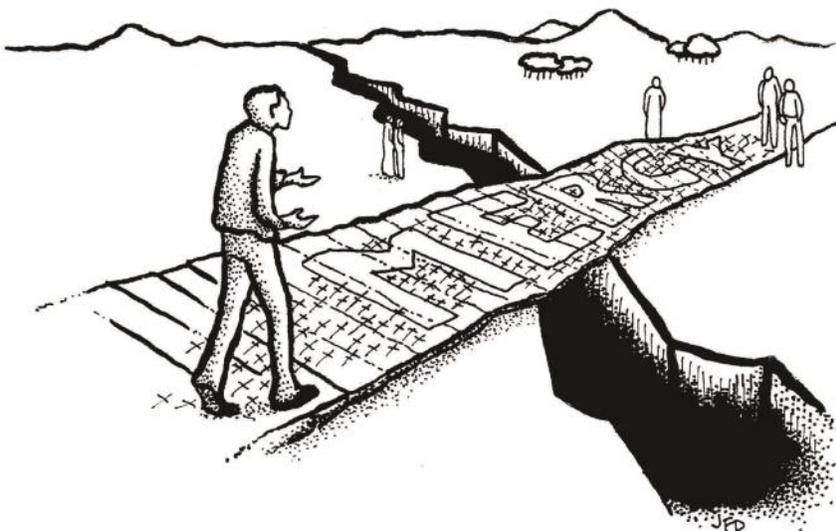
community without first going through a detailed process of purification.

What this passage comes down to is the question: Where do we fall? Do we fall on the side of the lawyer, the priest, and the Levite who know and keep the letter of the law, or do we fall on the side of the Good Samaritan who responds spontaneously out of compassion because it is the right thing to do?

Questions of the Week

- 1 When have you, like the priest and Levite, passed by someone who needed help, maybe with good reason?
- 2 Share an example of a time when you or someone you know, acted like the Good Samaritan, even though it was a sacrifice.

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An Important New Book

Each year, I write a column sharing with readers the title and a brief synopsis of the ten books that touched me most that year. Occasionally, however, I judge a book to be exceptional enough to merit its own column. Robert Ellsberg's new book, *A Living Gospel – Reading God's Story in Holy Lives*, is such a book.

Robert Ellsberg is the publisher and editor-in-chief of *Orbis Books* and in that role has shepherded into print some of the more challenging spiritual writings of our generation. Among other things, he has edited the selected writings, diaries, and letters of Dorothy Day (whom he had the privilege of being in community with during the last five years of her life). But beyond publishing the thoughts of others, Ellsberg has himself, quietly, produced a huge treasury of writings on the lives of the saints. He has three major books on the lives of the saints (*All Saints*; *The Saints' Guide to Happiness*; and *Blessed Among Women*) and, each day, writes an account of the life of a saint for the booklet, *Give Us This Day*.

Ellsberg is what's technically termed a *hagiographer*, namely, someone who writes up the lives of various saints so that they may serve as inspirations for the rest of us. Anyone familiar with the history of Christian spirituality knows how important this has been. The Gospels themselves are, in a manner of speaking, hagiography, the life of Jesus written up for our inspiration and imitation. Then, in the early church, we have the lives of the martyrs and after that a parade of saints through medieval and modern times down to our own age. We've always been told the stories of the saints.

Many of us, I suspect, are familiar with Alban Butler's classic, four-volume series, *Lives of the Saints*. These famous mini-biographies were published 200 years ago but they employed the literary genre of the time apposite to writing up the lives of saints. That genre, hagiography, on principle, distorted somewhat the literal reality so as to highlight essence and this often left the reader with the impression that the saints being described were devoid of normal human weakness and limitation. Our age no longer understands this and so a new kind of hagiography is needed, one that brings out essence without sacrificing the literal facts. Robert Ellsberg is that new kind of hagiographer and we need such hagiography today.

When I was young, the lives of the saints were one of the major ways within which spirituality was taught. We each had a patron saint, every city had a patron saint, every parish had a patron saint, we all read the lives of the saints and were inspired to higher ideals by the likes of saints such as Tarcisius, stoned to death for protecting the Blessed Sacrament; Marie Goretti, willing to die rather than sacrifice her personal integrity; St. George, who by the power of faith could slay dragons; and St. Christopher, whose providential eye could you keep you safe while traveling.

Of course, looking back, one can see now where those who wrote up these stories often took liberties with historical fact to highlight essence. Indeed, both St. George and St. Christopher are now relegated more to the realm of fable than fact. No matter, their stories, like those of the other saints we read, lifted our eyes a little higher, put a bit more courage in our hearts, gave us real life examples of Christian discipleship, and helped fix our eyes on what's more noble.

Today we have a different version of the lives of the saints. The rich, famous, and successful have effectively replaced the saints of old. Butler's *Lives of the Saints* has been replaced by *People Magazine*, biographies, television programs, and websites that picture and detail for us the lives of the rich and the famous. And these lives, notwithstanding the goodness you often see there, don't exactly focus our eyes and hearts in the same direction as do the lives of Tarcisius, Marie Goretti, St. George, or St. Christopher. In a culture which deifies celebrity, we need some different celebrities to envy. Robert Ellsberg is pointing them out.

In this book, among other things, Ellsberg chronicles the lives of four contemporary "saints", Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, Henri Nouwen, and Charles de Foucauld (none of whom are yet canonized or might ever be.) But, their lives, he believes, can help us define what following Jesus might mean inside the complexities of our own generation.

And this is true too for the Church as a whole. Commenting on the life of Charles de Foucauld, Ellsberg writes: "In an age when Christianity is no longer synonymous with the outreach of Western civilization and colonial power, the witness of Foucauld – poor, unarmed, stripped of everything, relying on no greater authority than the power of love – may well represent the future of the church, a church rooted in the memory of its origins and of its poor founder."

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