



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

February 9th, 2020  
Fifth Sunday  
In Ordinary Time



“You are the salt of the earth”  
“You are the light of the world”  
Matthew 5:13,14

“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

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Father Tom Haggerty, Pastor  
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## 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 8:00am mass 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



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**Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:**

**Weekly Collection: Sunday, February 2nd, 2020**

**Faith Direct:**

**\$ 13,784.**

**\$ 2,877.**

**\$17,800.**

**Total Weekly Collection:**

**\$16,661.**

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

# Father Tom's Words for the Week

Dear Friends,

Today's gospel continues Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. These teachings are both consoling and challenging. Faith and trust in Jesus is the key. Fr. Jude Siciliano reflects:

*Jesus called his disciples to exemplary behavior. Such ways of being with one another, besides forming loving relationships in the community, would also draw attention to that community and to the teachings of the one they followed – Jesus. Today Jesus is giving concrete examples of what we heard him say to his disciples last week. They are to be "salt of the earth," "light of the world" and a "city set on a mountain."....*

*We Christians are called to a different way of living, in our relations to each other and then to the world. We seek reconciliation where there is anger and alienation. We tame our desires despite the license of the world around us. We are faithful to one another and so, when we make promises, we keep them.*

*What will help us live the challenges Jesus places before us? Certainly we can't do it merely by gritting our teeth and putting our nose to the grindstone. Instead, we fix our eyes on Jesus and we turn to each other in mutual love and support. Sound idealistic? Yes it does, but Jesus wouldn't ask us to fulfill something he wouldn't help us accomplish.*

This weekend we begin our 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal. As you well know, this is an opportunity for us to put faith in action, to be light in our world, as we both help those beyond ourselves and also help ourselves both spiritually and practically. Diocesan programs assisting people in need, religious formation efforts, food and housing programs and campus ministry are a few of the ways CMA enables us to reach out to others.

The CMA rebate is our greatest parish fundraiser. Last year with our rebate we were able to help defray the \$5,000 needed to maintain, tune and repair our pipe organ, cover the \$1,300 cost associated with the purchase of 10 freestanding dry erase boards and supplies needed for religious education classes, purchase new chairs for our choir loft and offset the \$10,000 expense to upgrade wiring for IT in our school buildings, benefitting parochial school and religious education classes. This year we hope to use our rebate to address the dangerous hazard caused by the blue stone in the front of the church which freezes over and is resistant to the de-icers used to try to ensure safety.

So, please, prayerfully consider your pledge to CMA this year. Our CMA goal this year is \$111,000. With help from as many as possible we can again meet our goal, thus receiving our rebate. We will have been a vital part of building the city of God!

Please be sure to mark your calendar and head to our Parish Mardi Gras. It promises to be a great time for all ages. As we burn last year's palms (please bring in your old ones beginning next weekend) and ready ourselves to embark on the Lenten journey, we'll have all kinds of foods, desserts etc. So plan on it to be your evening meal! All kinds of fun things are planned. Check out today's bulletin insert.

Our Lenten theme this year will pick up on last year's *"I say YES my Lord"*. Hopefully, you remember the tune which seemed to capture many hearts. I've invited different parish groups to put together a few lines describing what that phrase means to them. You'll see them in upcoming bulletins. If you'd like to share what the phrase means to you, please send it me and I'll be happy to share your insight.

We are honored to welcome those who assist in the medical field to join us at the 12noon Mass today for the "White Coat Mass", celebrating all who serve in healing professions. We thank each of you for your healing vocation and for the care you give to us. In our prayer, we bring you before the Divine Physician asking Him, to further bless, strengthen and encourage you in your service to us.

I hope you are readying your act and gearing up for our upcoming Talent Show! Do you sing, dance, play an instrument, tell a joke? Check out the audition days and come on down!

Peace,

*Father Tom*

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INVITES ALL TO ATTEND A HOSPITALITY SUNDAY  
GATHERING IN THE AUDITORIUM  
**TODAY, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH AFTER THE 8AM AND 10AM MASSES**

*Please join your fellow parishioners for a light breakfast and conversation*

Won't you consider beginning Lent in the spirit of fasting and prayer?

**Lent will begin on Wednesday,  
February 26th, 2020~Ash Wednesday**



All are invited to a



**A Traditional, "Simple"  
LENTEN SOUP & BREAD SUPPER**

**Ash Wednesday, February 26th, 2020  
In the SSPJ Auditorium from 5:30pm to 7:00pm  
(Before the 7:00pm Mass & Ash Distribution)**

*A Free Will Offering will be accepted for the benefit of,*  
**ECHO ARMS ADULT HOME, PORT JEFFERSON**

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:**

*We are seeking donations of homemade, **MEATLESS** soups  
in a pot or crockpot.*

If you are interested and able to donate soup, kindly contact the Parish Center  
Office at 631-584-5454

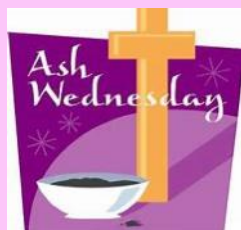
Please leave your name and the type of soup you will be contributing.

Thank you for your generosity!

**ASH WEDNESDAY ~ FEBRUARY 26TH, 2020 ASH DISTRIBUTION:**

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**7:30AM  
9:15AM  
7:00PM**



**WORD SERVICE~  
ASH DISTRIBUTION**

**12:00PM  
3:00PM**



# Save the Dates

## Lenten Parish Mission

### March 16 - 18

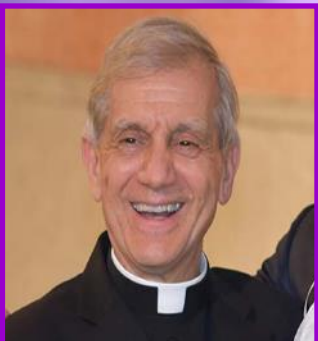
**IS YOUR VISION FOR LENT, 2020?**

*How well do you see....?"*

**Enhance your vision,  
Of God ,yourself, and others  
As we journey through Lent  
Seeing through the eyes of :**

***Rev. Richard Fragomeni***

***Additional details will be included in  
upcoming bulletins!***



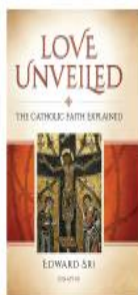
*Rev. Richard Fragomeni is a Priest in the Diocese of Albany, New York, and has been a member of the CTU faculty, Catholic Theological Union, since 1990. His teaching involves him in Roman Catholic theology, interpretation theory, and poetry. His current work is in the field of word and sacrament: the intersection of symbolic activity and language as it creates insights into the Christian proclamation of grace. Central to this work is a fascination with the power of liturgy and preaching in the transformation of the human heart.*

*Richard is an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Religious Studies at DePaul University. . In addition to his teaching duties he is a preacher of parish missions and gives presentations nationally and internationally on liturgical, sacramental, and catechetical topics.*

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## Today We Celebrate a White Coat Mass at 12:00

### The Celebration of a White Coat Mass

*All whose hands serve in the healing profession*

*Are Invited to Celebrate*

### A White Coat Mass

*On Sunday, February 9th, 2020*

*At 12:00pm*

*At Saints Philip & James Church*

*One Carow Place*

*Saint James, NY 11780*

*The white coat mass is derived from the authority entrusted to those in the healing professions. Typically worn by Doctors, Pharmacists, Dentists, Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners, but the colors worn by others in the noble profession of providing care varies.*

*Those being the colors worn by Nurses, Emergency Medical Workers, Health Care workers, phlebotomists, Psychiatrists, Social workers, Mental health counselors and all who participate in the care of those who are ill, seeking treatment, suffering, those who are dying...*

*We thank all in these noble professions and with our parish pray in gratitude for their gifts of time, compassion, healing and sacrifice.*

*Light refreshments will be served after mass.*

*If you are able to attend, or have any questions, kindly contact the Parish Center Office at 631-584-5454*

*"And great multitudes came together to hear and be healed by him of their infirmities." (Luke 5:15)*



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## February 2020 Liturgical Calendar

2/2

### Presentation of the Lord

**Watch:** Ready Reasons: Was the Immaculate Conception Necessary?

**Read:** Cradle of Redeeming Love

**Listen:** Mary: The Indispensable Mother of God

2/3

### Saint Blase

**Kids:** The Book of Saints and Heroes

**Listen:** Holiness is Always in Season

2/5

### Saint Agatha

**Listen:** Women Made New

**Listen:** Feminine Genius

2/8

### Saint Josephine Bakhita

**\*Watch:** Bakhita: From Slave to Saint/Bakita: De esclava a santa

**Listen:** Saved in Hope



Lent begins Wednesday, February 26. So, Let's Party for Mardi!



**SSPJ YOUTH GROUP  
MINISTRY**

# ***It's Mardi Gras!***

*On Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 7:30pm*

**SSPJ Youth Group Ministry** invites **ALL**  
parishioners to gather for a **CELEBRATION**  
~ as we **PRAY**, **BURN** (last year's palms into ashes\*)  
and then **TURN** calories into energy to party !!!

## **SSPJ Auditorium**

**Adults: \$5.00    Children: \$3.00**

Children under 3 are free  
**Pay at the door**

**Entertainment • Games • Laughing • Crafts • Food • Beverages**  
**Jumbo Jenga • Twister • Horse Races • Line Dancing • Face Painting**

**PLEASE RSVP to the Rectory 584-5454 by FRIDAY, FEB. 14th!**

***Happy Mardi Gras***

Want to HELP US? – Face painting, balloon art, magic, crafts, desserts (set-up / break down), please contact the rectory office and then come and join us as we gather as a Parish Community to celebrate.

*\*to be used on Ash Wednesday*

## **UPDATE:** **Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang**

Our February 16<sup>th</sup> session of PB&J is cancelled due to the Mary Brennan Inn being closed for President's Day.

Please join us for our last session of the season on  
**Sunday, March 22, 2020.**

**Come help us spread the love one sandwich at a time!**



### **SSPJ PARISH SHOWCASE SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020**

*Come one come all, bring your talents and share them for all to enjoy!*

**OPEN AUDITIONS FOR THE PARISH  
SHOWCASE WILL TAKE PLACE ON:**

**TODAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 2020 AND  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, 2020**

**AT 2:00PM**

**IN THE SSPJ AUDITORIUM**

*If you are interested in signing up for auditions  
or for future information, please contact:*

*christinamarlow@me.com  
jbcullen78@Verizon.net*

## ***“You are salt of the earth” and “Light of the world”***



### **RCIA News**

*In this week's readings Jesus is calling us in 2020 to be Salt for the Earth and Light for the World. Today we may take these conveniences for granted but in Jesus' time, salt and light were very important.*

*Today we need to know how to continue to be Salt and Light, as we can become very comfortable in our spiritual life.*

*So if you would like to continue to be salt for the Earth and Light for the World why not consider joining us (the RCIA team) on the Sunday's in Lent after the 8 AM or Noon Mass right in church.*

*Here are the topics we are discussing:*

**2/23 Intro What is Lent – (In Church) Fr. Tom**

**3/1 Who does God say that I am? -  
Created in His Image (In Church)**  
Michael Hoonhout

**3/8 Who does God say that I am? -  
Fallen and sinful (In Church)** Michael Hoonhout

**3/15 Who does God say that I am? - Redeemed in  
Grace (In Church)** Michael Hoonhout

**3/22 (Rejoice!) In Lent, Christian JOY (In  
Church)** Glee Hoonhout

**3/29 Why is Good Friday Good? (In Church)**  
Sister Theresita

**4/5 Palm Sunday – The Importance of Holy  
Week, the Triduum (In Church)**  
Michael Hoonhout

## ***A Note from Music Ministry...***

*The new Gloria had its introduction last weekend. It's catchy and easy to sing. We will be singing it until Lent then it will return at Easter. By then everyone should be able to sing at least the refrain, Gloria part.*

*Friday of this week is Valentine's Day. The Adult choir is singing “Love Grows Here” as their special communion hymn. The song is one of our favorite and tells of how we all come to church because love grows here. Listen as they sing and reflect on the words.*





Next Meeting of the Wash Kit Gang:  
THIS Friday, February 14th, 2020 at 7:00pm In the Auditorium



Saints Philip and James Parish

## Wash Kit Gang

1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780 631-584-5454

### SIGN UP SHEET

SSPJ "Wash Kit Gang" is a ministry of Saints Philip and James Parish. Our goal is to provide wash kits to homeless shelters throughout Long Island. If you are interested in volunteering, **PLEASE**

**COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM** \*\*\*\*\* **BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THE PASTORAL OFFICE.**

\*\*\*\*\* Anyone who is not pre registered may not be accommodated.\*\*\*\*\*

**WHEN?** THE SECOND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

**TIME?** 7:00-8:00PM

**WHERE?** AUDITORIUM

**VOLUNTEERS MUST BRING 2 PACKS OF WASH CLOTHS (PER PERSON)**

(WALMART HAS PACKS OF 18 WASH CLOTHS FOR \$3.97)

**AND 1 BOX OF BANDAIDS**

\_\_\_\_\_ IN ADDITION, THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW ARE NEEDED BUT OPTIONAL \_\_\_\_\_

Ziploc Bags (sandwich, gallon sizes) Band Aids

Bar Soaps (Small, trial size) Shampoo (Trial size) Candy (Individually wrapped) all sorts

Conditioner (Trial size), Hand Lotion (Trial size), Toothpaste (Trial size) & (Full Size)

\*\*\*\*\* **Monetary Donations are always welcome** \*\*\*\*\*

**CHECKS should be made Payable to: SSPJ with "wash kit" written in the memo section.**

VOLUNTEER

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

VOLUNTEER DATE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME# \_\_\_\_\_ CELL# \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN: PRINTNAME \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 EVENING, FEBRUARY 10, 2020

**VIDEO PRESENTATION:** Catholicism Pivotal Players Series, by Bishop Robert Barron  
**TOPIC:** St. Thomas Aquinas: The Theologian

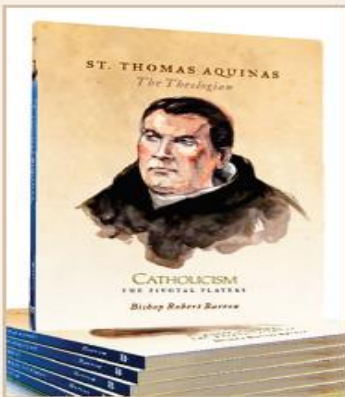
St. Thomas Aquinas lived over seven centuries ago, but his theological wisdom lives on. The Church has declared him to be a "Doctor" or teacher of the faith because of the holiness of his life and the clarity of his writings. Popes have consistently praised his theology above every other, and insisted that all future priests study his thought. In his *Catholicism: The Pivotal Players* series Bishop Robert Barron presents the life, teachings, and influence of the "Angelic Doctor." For those of us who live in a world that separates faith and reason Bishop Barron explains how St. Thomas demonstrates the beautiful harmony of faith and reason. His demonstrations for God's existence still prove an effective counterargument to today's atheism. Please join us Monday night to hear wisdom that has stood the test of time.

**NEW MEETING TIMES:** Holy Hour: 7-8 PM, Main Church

Video Presentation: 8-9 PM, Main Church • Coffee & Cake Social: 9-9:30 PM

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

Please note that our evening time schedule has changed, beginning one half-hour later than before.



**Website:** [www.sspjmensforum.org](http://www.sspjmensforum.org)

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**Saint Patrick Sponsor ~ \$1,000**

*Includes prominent acknowledgement in the church lobby, church bulletin, and  
TWO tickets to the event and ONE "Grand Prize Pot O' Gold" raffle book*

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*For more information please contact Marianne Koke at 631-335-7111*

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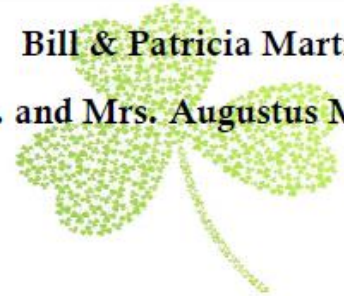
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# Magic of Ireland:



*The Rush Is On!! Tickets are going very fast!*  
*Tickets are being sold after all masses in the school lobby!*

## *The Magic Of Ireland~ Saturday, March 7th, 2020*

*Celebration begins at the 5:00pm mass of Irish inspiration*

*Then continues on the other side of the rainbow with*

*A traditional Irish dinner, live music by*

*Gerry Finlay and the Cara Band dancing, raffles, door prize and Fun!*

*Ticket includes: Dinner, beer, soda, dessert & coffee*



### **SECOND ANNUAL MAGIC OF IRELAND EVENT**

**~MARCH 7, 2020**

#### **POT OF GOLD RAFFLE PRIZES**

**1st Prize: St. Croix Time Share Unit plus \$1,500 cash (airfare & expenses)**

**2nd Prize: 4 Tickets to spring Yankees Game (includes access to Audi Club)**

**Donated by Corporate Transfer & Storage-The Verderber Family**

**3rd Prize: Webber BBQ Freestanding Spirit II (\$500.00 value)**

### *The Magic of Ireland ~ Ticket Form*

Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ At: \$40.00 per person ~Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, kindly contact: Clare Farrell at: [clarefarrellnp@yahoo.com](mailto:clarefarrellnp@yahoo.com)

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



## Parish Social Ministry

Parish Social Ministry welcomes the following groups as a vibrant part of our Outreach Program and I look forward to working with you regularly.

Your work is very important to our SSPJ parish family.

Right to Life Committee  
Wash Kit Gang  
Peanut Butter and Jelly Gang

Welcome

In the words of Mother Theresa,

*"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot, together we can do great things."*



"St. Theresa of Lisieux invites us to practice the little way of love, not to miss out on a kind word, a smile, or any small gesture which sows peace and friendship. An integral ecology is also made up of simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation, and selfishness."

St. Mary's Parish in East Islip is offering a free 8 week support group for Adults who are coping with the death of a loved one.

Registration is required for this offering. Your loss has to have occurred prior to December, 2019

If interested, kindly call 631-581-4266



Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

Your assistance, AS ALWAYS, is greatly appreciated

**Our Food Pantry Is In Need  
Of the Following Items:**

**Granola Bars  
Canned Chicken  
Paper Towels  
Canned Chili**

### SPECIAL INVITATION

The Respect Life Committee invites all to attend a viewing of the movie: **UNPLANNED**

"A true story of hope and redemption" (National Review). This is the story of Abby Johnson, a young woman who had become the director of a Planned Parenthood Clinic until she saw something that changed everything.

Movie will be shown **THURSDAY EVENING FEB. 20 IN THE BETHANY CENTER @ 7 PM.**

Under 17 must be accompanied by a parent.

Any questions please call 31-862-9370

### Diocese of Rockville Centre Healing after Abortion



Project Rachel retreats offer the opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The retreats are directed by specially trained compassionate caregivers, including counselors and clergy, who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer.

**Day of Prayer and Healing for Women  
Saturday, March 7, 2020**

Please register by Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

For more information and to register please visit [www.respectlife.drvc.org](http://www.respectlife.drvc.org) or contact Project Rachel at 1(888) 456-HOPE (4673), 1(516) 766-2538 or [projectrachel@drvc.org](mailto:projectrachel@drvc.org). All information will remain confidential.

PLEASE HELP  
THE WONDERFUL WASH KIT GANG  
IS IN NEED OF :

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**AS WELL AS MONETARY DONATIONS TO ASSIST THEIR MINISTRY IN PURCHASING ITEMS NEEDED TO CREATE AND DISTRIBUTE WASH KITS TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO TRAVERSE A JOURNEY OF HOPE...**  
IF YOU CAN ASSIST, KINDLY BRING ITEMS OR MONETARY DONATIONS TO THE PARISH CENTER

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

**SSPJ—WASH KIT GANG**

PLACE IN AN ENVELOPE LABELED:

**PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY.**

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND COMPASSION.

## SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of February 9th, 2020

### Sunday, February 9th, 2020

8:00am Magic of Ireland Ticket Sales Outside  
 8:30am RCIA Cantina  
 9:15am Hospitality Sunday Auditorium  
 10:00am Children's Liturgy Auditorium  
 12:00pm White Coat Mass Church  
 3:00pm Parish Showcase Tryouts Auditorium  
 7:00pm AA Meeting Monte Building

### Monday, February 10th, 2020

1:00PM Senior Group Meeting SSPJ Room  
 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting Auditorium  
 7:00pm Men's Forum Holy Hour Church  
 8:00pm Men's Forum SSPJ Room

### Tuesday, February 11th, 2020:

1:30pm Spirit of Prayer Ministry Mtg Church Prayer Rm  
 7:00pm St. Monica Group Cantina  
 7:30pm Chords of Faith Church  
 7:30pm Respect Life Committee Mtg Cantina

### Wednesday, February 12th, 2020:

7:00pm Youth Ministry Meeting Bethany Center

### Thursday, February 13th, 2020:

2:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church  
 7:00pm Boy Scout Leadership Mtg Monte Bldg  
 7:30pm Adult Choir Church

### Friday, February 14th, 2020

3:00pm Stained Glass Club Stained Glass Wksp  
 7:00pm AA Meeting Philip & James Room  
 7:00pm Wash Kit Gang Auditorium  
 8:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church

### Saturday, February 15th, 2020

2:00pm Parish Showcase Tryouts Auditorium  
 5:00pm Magic of Ireland Ticket Sales School lobby

### Sunday, February 16th, 2020:

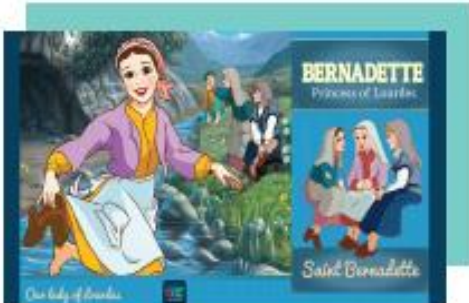
8:00am Magic Of Ireland Ticket Sales School Lobby  
 8:30am RCIA Sessions SSPJ Room  
 10:00am Children's Liturgy Auditorium  
 11:00am Stained Glass Club Stained Glass Wkshp  
 7:00pm AA Meeting Sts. Philip & James Room

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Bless us, Oh  
 Lord, and these  
 thy gifts, which  
 we are about to  
 receive from  
 thy bounty.  
 Through Christ  
 our Lord.

Amen





**SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION:** For GRADES: 1, 2, & 3

THIS REFLECTION IS TO BE SHARED AT MASS ON:  
SATURDAY, OR SUNDAY, February 15th or 16th, 2020



**February 9th, 2020**

**Welcome to the Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

The Gospel of: Matthew 5:13-16

My Name Is: \_\_\_\_\_

I Am In Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

My Catechist "Teacher's" Name Is: \_\_\_\_\_

**Gospel Message: Matthew 5:13-16**

In today's Gospel message we hear Jesus teaching his disciples to be the "salt" of the earth  
And the "Light" of the world.

**My Weekly Prayer:**

Dear God,

Thank you for the love of Jesus  
Help us to understand His words

And to follow them closely

Help us shine YOUR light in our  
world

Help us to know and serve You  
and each other

We love you, God!

In Jesus's name,

Amen!

**Matthew 5:16**

H M R O B J O I W U S 6 R J I Y W  
S K S U U I I A J N H F M M U E F  
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Flashlight 5:16 Works Good Jesus Heaven Father Glorify  
Bible Shine Light Matthew







**SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION: For GRADES: 4,5 & 6**  
**THIS REFLECTION IS TO BE SHARED AT MASS ON:**  
**SATURDAY OR SUNDAY, February 15th or February 16th, 2020**



Today we celebrate The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, February 9th, 2020

My Name Is: \_\_\_\_\_  
I Am In Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
My Catechist Name Is: \_\_\_\_\_

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In Jesus's name,  
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**Plugged In and Turned On**

"You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14 (NIV)  
Based on Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)

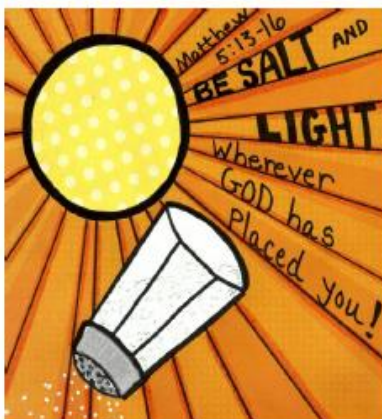


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LAMP	LIGHT	BOWL	GOOD	DEEDS
WORLD	CITY	MEN	HIDDEN	SHINE
PRAISE	HOUSE	FATHER	HILL	STAND

**Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**

**Matthew 5:16**





**SUNDAY MASS REFLECTION: For GRADES: 7 & 8 Confirmation I & II**  
**THIS REFLECTION IS TO BE SHARED AT MASS ON:**  
**SATURDAY or SUNDAY, February 15th or 16th, 2020**



Welcome to The Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 9th, 2020

Mass Readings: Isaiah 58:7-10, Psalm 112:4-9 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16

Student's Name : \_\_\_\_\_

I Am In Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

My Catechist Name Is: \_\_\_\_\_

**Gospel Message: Matthew 5:13-16**

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Matthew 5:16

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**WORD BANK:**

<b>DOWN:</b>	<b>ACROSS:</b>
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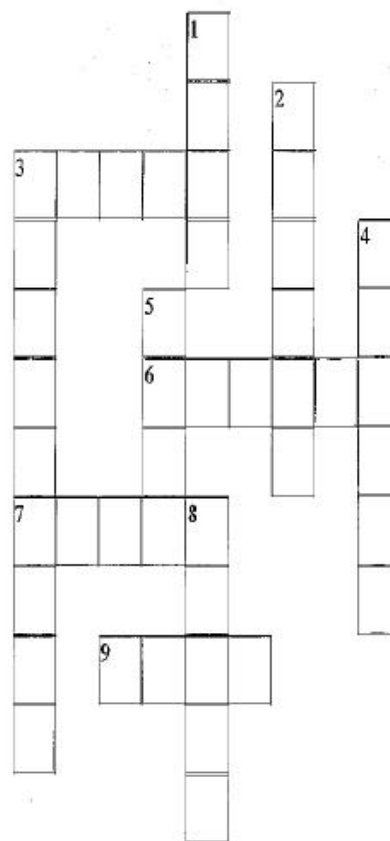
**Across**

3. You are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world
6. We must let our light shine before them.
7. If salt loses this it is not good for anything.
9. If our light shine, others can see our good \_\_\_\_\_.

**Down**

1. This cannot be hidden on a hill.
2. Our good works give glory to Him.
3. A lamp is placed on this so it can give light all around.
4. It does not make sense to put a light under this.
5. Tasteless salt is only good to put under this.
8. You are the salt of the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Let Your Light Shine**  
**Matthew 5:13-16**





## Mass Intentions, For the week of February 9th, 2020

<b><u>Saturday, February 8th, 2020</u></b> <b>5:00pm</b> <b>Christopher R. Locrotondo</b>		<b><u>Thursday, February 13th, 2020</u></b> <b>7:30am</b> <b>9:15am</b> <b><u>Collective Mass:</u></b>	
<b><u>Sunday, February 9th, 2020</u></b> <b>8:00am</b> <b>For the Parishioners of SSPJ</b> <b>10:00am</b> <b>Rose Marie Sherow</b> <b>12:00 Noon</b> <b><u>Collective Mass:</u></b> <b>Raymond Krickmier</b> <b>Ralph Clifford Catalano</b> <b>Edwin S. Zack</b> <b>Michael Amoroso</b>		<b><u>Friday, February 14th, 2020~St Cyril</u></b> <b>7:30am</b> <b>9:15am</b> <b>William Keough</b>	
<b><u>Monday, February 10th, 2020~St. Scholastica</u></b> <b>7:30am</b> <b>Herbert Andrews</b> <b>9:15am</b> <b>Philip Giarraputo</b>		<b><u>Saturday, February 15th, 2020</u></b> <b>9:15am</b> <b>Theodore Einhart</b> <b>5:00pm</b> <b>Honorable Harry Seidell</b>	
<b><u>Tuesday, Wednesday, February 11th, 2020-Our Lady of Lourdes</u></b> <b>7:30am</b> <b>9:15am</b> <b>Edward H.L. Smith</b>		<b><u>Sunday, February 16th, 2020</u></b> <b>8:00am</b> <b>For the Parishioners of Sts. Philip &amp; James</b> <b>10:00am</b> <b>Chris Badolato</b> <b>12:00 Noon</b> <b><u>Collective Mass:</u></b> <b>Andrew Krauer</b> <b>Christina Ferrazza</b> <b>William Snak</b> <b>Linda Passarello</b> <b>Lillian Signorelli</b>	
<b><u>Wednesday, February 12th, 2020</u></b> <b>7:30am</b> <b>9:15am</b> <b>Edward Smith III</b>			

*We Remember, With Heartfelt Sympathy,*

***Peter McGreevy***

*Resting in the loving arms of Jesus*



### *Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes*

O ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfort of the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; deign to cast upon me a look of mercy. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favors, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence, to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. I will endeavor to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory, and bless you in eternity. Amen



*If you wish to include a name on our prayer listing, kindly contact the Parish Center Office at 631-584-5454*

### *Remembering in Our Prayers~ Those who are ill*

**Angela Amoroso**  
**Arthur Gureck**  
**Anna Capizzio**  
**Barbara Bombace**  
**Baby Mattia Rose**  
**Lubrano**  
**Belinda Vega**  
**Bob Keenan**  
**Claudia Chandler**  
**Deacon Ron Blasius**  
**Daniel Radice**  
**Deirdre W.**  
**Dorothy E. Mitchell**  
**Donalea Donach**  
**Ellie Walsh**  
**Gregory Parker**  
**Jane Prato**  
**Jim McLean**  
**John DeStefano**  
**Judy Hanrahan**  
**J.C.**

**Jakob S.**  
**Joseph S.**  
**Joseph G.**  
**Joyce Wiggins**  
**Kathleen N.**  
**Kitty Cronin**  
**Leon Donach**  
**Matthew Parrella**  
**Melissa C.**  
**Michael Fisher**  
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# Celebrating the Liturgy- With Grateful Hearts We Serve

## *PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR February 15th & 16th, 2020*

Saturday, February 15th, 2020 5:00pm	Sunday, February 16th, 2020 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, February 16th, 2020 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, February 16th, 2020 12:00 MASS
Father Tom Haggerty	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Patrick Osei-Poku
Deacon John	Deacon John	Deacon Ron	Deacon Ron

## *Eucharistic Minister Schedule-For February 15th & 16th, 2020*

Saturday, February 15th, 2020	Sunday, February 16th, 2020	Sunday, February 16th, 2020	Sunday, February 16th, 2020
5:00PM	8:00 AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
K. Consenz	P. Kanuika	B. Carey	M. Peykar
J. Duffy	M. Kenney	M. Koke	P. Roman
A. Dunn	P. Martin	N. Locastro	C. Rubano
E. Kaleita	V. Portanova	S. McKie	B. Chandler
H. Keenan	W. Ramos	M. Morbillo	T. Laiz
P. Klee	K. Rapp	P. Rizzo	M. Lebrun
G. Priebe	M. Sehne	J. Alternative	J. Linder
J. Primavera	E. Sica	G. Amen	M. Napoli
L. Taurassi	T. Sica	D. Bleggi	T. Pace
D. Toto	W. VanGostein	D. Mulhall	A. Santo

*We kindly ask all scheduled Ministers to arrive in the Prayer Room 15 minutes before mass begins, for prayer  
Thank you*

## *ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE-FOR February 15th & 16th, 2020*

Saturday, February 15th, 2020	Sunday, February 16th, 2020	Sunday, February 16th, 2020	Sunday, February 16th, 2020
5:00PM MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
B. Kieran	E. Nicastro	O. Jacobs	S. Glen
E. Kieran	K. Nicastro	C. Beam	I. Cole
V. Scarpelli	M. Page	E. Beam	A. Peykar
M. Papas		R. Osorio	J. Peykar

## *LECTOR SCHEDULE-FOR February 15th & 16th 2020*

Saturday, February 15th, 2020	Sunday, February 16th, 2020	Sunday, February 16th, 2020	Sunday, February 16th, 2020
5:00PM MASS	8:00 AM MASS	10:00AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
C. Lombardi	L. Willman	E. Burke	C. Rubano
L. Auleta	L. Halluska	B. Tobin	L. Just



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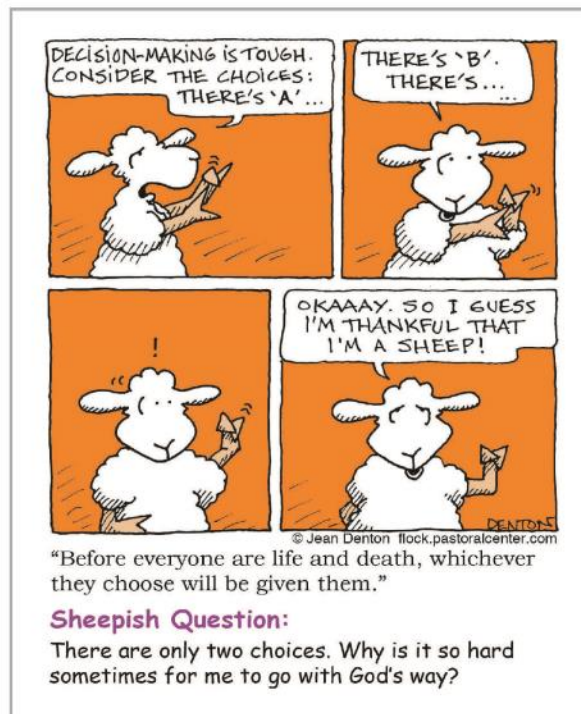
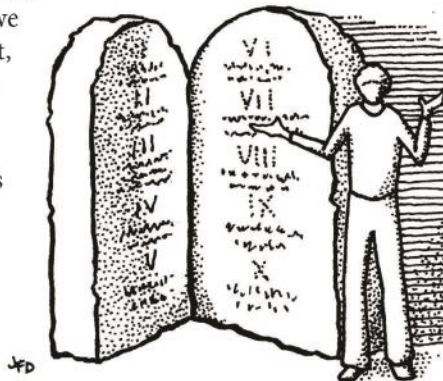
## The Value Behind the Laws

*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- Sirach 15:15-20 - Our free will
- 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 - True wisdom
- Matthew 5:17-37 - The old Law and the new

This long excerpt from the Sermon on the Mount demonstrates both how thoroughly Jewish Jesus was in his understanding of the world, and also how radical he was in his interpretation of Jewish laws. Matthew makes it clear that Jesus has great respect for his religious tradition; he has not come to throw out Jewish teachings and start a new religion. He has come to shed light on ancient teachings and to challenge people to look for and embrace the spirit behind the letter of the law.

Jesus calls out the scribes and the Pharisees who have gotten so caught up in trying to win their salvation or the favor of others by obeying the rules perfectly that they have lost sight of the original intent behind them. The Pharisees and scribes aren't alone in their vice - there are some people in every religion who get off track in this way. Jesus wants his listeners to look deeper than the laws themselves. What is the value they are trying to uphold? How are they offering life, and a fuller life, to those who would follow them? For example, many of us can avoid murdering another human being, but none of us escapes being angry at others. Jesus is pointing out that we need to look at the root of our behavior (anger and lust in this passage) to see where we are imprisoned. Anger, without murder, still imprisons us and the person we are angry with. Lust, even without adultery, does harm to our most intimate relationship. So let's not let ourselves off the hook like the Pharisees just because we seem to have our acts



together on the surface. Let's look for where we can invite in more freedom, compassion, and graciousness - for our sake and for the sake of everyone we are in relationship with.

## Questions of the Week

- 1 The commandments that Jesus mentions aren't arbitrary rules handed down on from on high just to make our lives harder. They invite us to greater freedom. Share an example of how choosing to follow a law, commandment, or teaching from the Bible has made your life better or richer in some way, even if it was difficult?
- 2 Jesus uses hyperbole in his saying "if your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out..." This is not meant literally, but is a metaphor for saying that we must give up whatever leads us to sin. Share an experience of giving up something in your own life which ultimately led to greater freedom.

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## Magnanimity

What does it mean to be big-hearted, magnanimous?

Once during a baseball game in high school an umpire made very unfair call against our team. Our whole team was indignant and all of us began to shout angrily at the umpire, swearing at him, calling him names, loudly venting our anger. But one of our teammates didn't follow suit. Instead of shouting at the umpire he kept trying to stop the rest of us from doing so. "Let it go!" he kept telling us, "Let it go – we're bigger than this!" Bigger than what? He wasn't referring to the umpire's immaturity, but to our own. And we weren't "bigger than this", at least not then. Certainly I wasn't. I couldn't swallow an injustice. I wasn't big enough.

But something stayed with me from that incident, the challenge to "be bigger" inside the things that slight us. I don't always succeed, but I'm a better person when I do, more big-hearted, just as I am more-petty and smaller of heart when I don't.

But just as our teammate challenged us all those years ago, we remain challenged to "be bigger" than the pettiness within a moment. That invitation lies at the very heart of Jesus' moral challenge in the *Sermon on the Mount*. There he invites us to have "a virtue that's deeper than that of the Scribes and the Pharisees". And there's more hidden in that statement than first meets the eye because the Scribes and Pharisees were very virtuous people. They strove hard always to be faithful to all the precepts of their faith and were people who believed in and practiced strict justice. They didn't make unfair calls as umpires! But inside of all of that goodness they still lacked something that the *Sermon on the Mount* invites us to, a certain magnanimity, to have big enough hearts and minds that can rise above being slighted so as to be bigger than a given moment.

Let me offer this example of what that can mean: John Paul II was the first pope in history to speak out unequivocally against capital punishment. It's important to note that he didn't say that capital punishment was wrong. Biblically we do have the right to practice it. John Paul conceded that. However, and this is the lesson, he went on to say that, while we may in justice practice capital punishment, we shouldn't do it because Jesus calls us to something higher, namely, to forgive sinners and not execute them. That's magnanimity, that's being bigger than the moment we're caught up within.

Thomas Aquinas, in his moral astuteness, makes a distinction that one doesn't often hear either in church teachings or in common sense. Thomas says that a certain thing can be sin for one person and yet not for another. In essence, something can be a sin for someone who is big-hearted, even as it is not a sin for someone who is petty and small of heart. Here's an example: In a wonderfully challenging comment, Thomas once wrote that *it is a sin to withhold a compliment from someone who genuinely deserves it because in doing so we are withholding from that person some of the food upon which he or she needs to live*. But in teaching this, Thomas is clear that this is a sin only for someone who is big-hearted, magnanimous, and at a certain level of maturity. Someone who is immature, self-centered, and petty of heart is not held to the same moral and spiritual standard.

How is this possible, isn't a sin a sin, irrespective of person? Not always. Whether or not something is a sin or not and the seriousness of a sin depends upon the depth and maturity within a relationship. Imagine this: A man and his wife have such a deep, sensitive, caring, respectful, and intimate relationship so that the tiniest expressions of affection or neglect speak loudly to each other. For example, as they part to go their separate ways each morning they always exchange an expression of affection, as a parting ritual. Now, should either of them neglect that expression of affection on an ordinary morning where there's no special circumstance, it would be no small, incidental matter. Something large would be being said. Conversely, consider another couple whose relationship is not close, where there is little care, little affection, little respect, and no habit of expressing affection upon parting. Such neglect would mean nothing. No slight, no intent, no harm, no sin, just lack of care as usual. Yes, some things can be a sin for one person and not for another.

We're invited both by Jesus and by what's best inside us to become big enough of heart and mind to know that it's a sin not to give a compliment, to know that even though biblically we may do capital punishment we still shouldn't do it, and to know that we're better women and men when we are bigger than any slight we experience within a given moment.