



The Parish of Saints Philip and James

One Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

*With Philip and James we pray to live lives
worthy of the call to be Apostles of Hope.*

Masses

Saturday evening: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

Monday thru Friday: 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

Saturday: 9:15 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

Thursday 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Friday 8:00pm - 9:00pm

January 29, 2017
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Parish of Saints Philip and James

PASTORAL MINISTRY:

Rev. Thomas J. Haggerty, Pastor
Father Patrick Osei-Poku, Associate Pastor
Deacon Ronald Blasius
Deacon John Keenan
Deacon Kenneth Maher

LITURGICAL MINISTRY:

Margaret Adams, Director of Music
Michele Familette, Sacristan

RECTORY STAFF:

John Cordes, Director of Facilities
Virginia Portanova, Business Manager

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY:

Ruth E. Testa, Principal of SSPJ School
Christine Ewald, School Secretary
Suzanne Fitzgibbon, Administrator of Religious Education
Charlotte Czujko-Coordinator Grades 1-2
Barbara Luna-Coordinator Grades 3-6
Dominick Avento-Coordinator Grades 7-8
Frank Brancaccio, Youth Minister

OUTREACH MINISTRY:

Elizabeth Wittish, OFS, Dir. of Parish Social Ministry

TRUSTEE: Jerry Linder & Tina Cafaro

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Rita Byrne	Cynthia Lombardi
Claire DiCarlo	Martin Marut
Chris Donnelly	Ann Mondrone
Ryan Doyle	Mary Ann Pose
Richard Frazita	Noel Rannazzisi
Lou Guerra	Tom Sica
	Robert Thompson

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Celebrated twice a month. In order to participate in this celebration, parents must register at the Pastoral Center for our pre-baptism program.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Couples planning to marry should contact the Pastoral Center before visiting a reception hall. The preparation process is nine months before your proposed wedding date. Call the Pastoral Center for further information.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Children in the seventh and eighth grade are prepared to celebrate this Sacrament through programs of the SSPJ school or the SSPJ Religious Education Office.

Adults prepare for this Sacrament through the RCIA process. Call the Pastoral Center for further information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (Confession, Penance) Available Saturdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Church or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: In the case of serious, unexpected illness, please contact the Pastoral Center to arrange for a priest to pray with the ill person. For those about to enter the hospital, Anointing of the Sick is held on the first Sunday of the month following the mass at 12:00 p.m.

R.C.I.A.: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (non-Catholic adults desiring to become Catholic). Please contact the Pastoral Center for information.

PASTORAL CENTER OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY—THURSDAY: 9AM—8PM
FRIDAY : 9AM-5PM
SATURDAY: 9AM—2PM
SUNDAY: 10AM—2PM

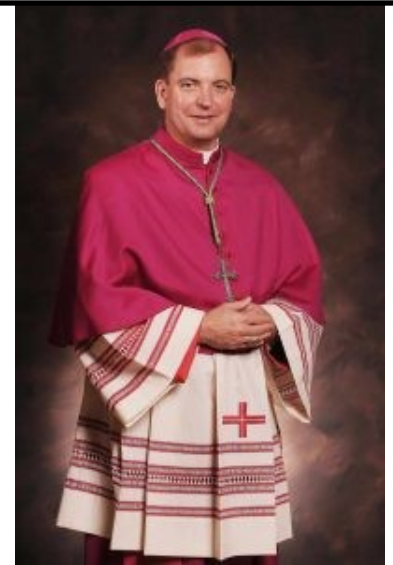
Parish Office: 631-584-5454
Parish Fax: 631-862-9675
Religious Education: 631-584-3204
Youth Office: 631-862-SSPJ
E-mail: info@sspj.org
Web: www.sspj.org
School Office: 631-584-7896
School Fax: 631-584-3258

Congratulations to Bishop Barres

"As the Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, I will be dedicated to supporting the global mission of mercy of our Holy Father Pope Francis, a mission that is in harmonious continuity with the mission of all the Holy Fathers I have loved – St. Peter, St. John XXIII, Blessed Paul VI, Pope John Paul I, St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI.

In The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis says: "Jesus can break through the dull categories with which we would enclose him and he constantly amazes us by his divine creativity. Whenever we make the effort to return to the source and to recover the original freshness of the Gospel, new avenues arise, new paths of creativity open up, with different forms of expression, more eloquent signs and words with new meaning for today's world."

Excerpts from Bishop Barres 12/9/16 statement from DRVC website



Installation Mass

January 31, 2017

Cathedral of St. Agnes

*There are no tickets available to the Evening Vespers or Installation Mass. **Télécare**, the diocesan television station, will have coverage of the Evening Vespers service on Monday, January 30, 2017, beginning at 6:45 pm. For the Mass of Installation on January 31, 2017, coverage will begin at 1:15 pm. **Télécare** can be seen on Optimum 29/137, Verizon FiOS 296*

SSPJ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS –SEMINARIAN BREAKFAST SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, 2017



Seminarian Breakfast **Sunday February 12th, 2017**



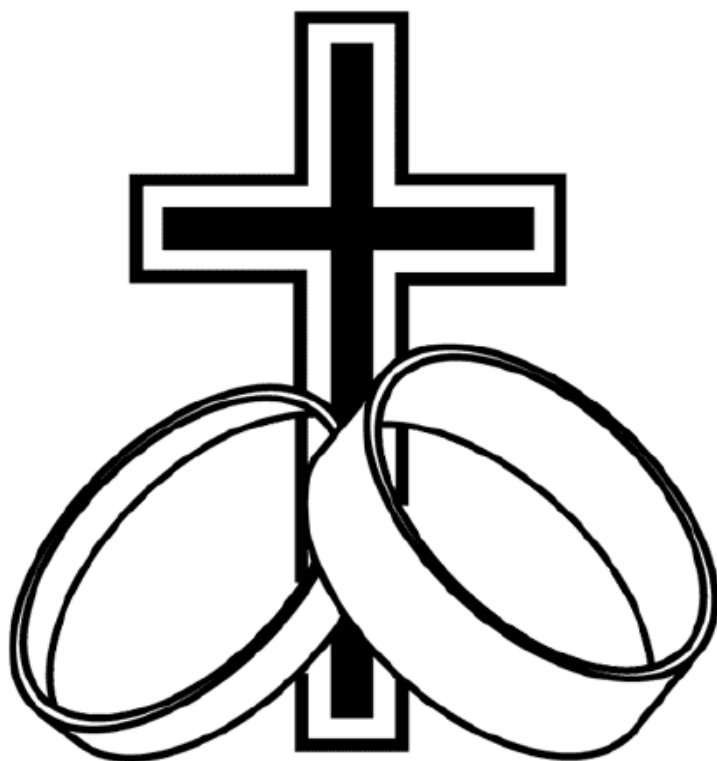
Knights of Columbus will be hosting a full breakfast to help support Seminarians.

**Please join us in the auditorium
after the 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00noon masses**

\$10.00 per person

\$25.00 per family (Parents and children under 18)

Luke 6:40 *"The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher."*



PARISH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGY AND CELEBRATION

On Sunday, February 12th, 2017 at the 12:00 Noon Mass, it will be our privilege to honor all those couples in our parish who would like to renew their marriage vows.

A light reception will be held in the auditorium following the Mass.

Please call the rectory office at 631 584-5454 to register if you are interested in renewing your wedding vows at this Mass. Registration information must be received no later than Monday, February 6th, 2017.

SSPJ Facilities Managers Report 2016-Present

Main School

Summer cleaning was addressed and completed.

New classroom shades on all windows and doors.

Stairwells / corridors - stripped and cleaned. Paint and repair touch-ups.

Auditorium and kitchen areas stripped and cleaned.

New lighting down center of auditorium.

Kitchen repainted reorganized – eliminated old appliances.

Art room and auditorium repairs from flooding completed.

School main hallway and lobby touch-up painting.

Multi-purpose room – new windows, flooring, painting.

AIS room – new flooring – painting.

Trim and painting completed over outside back entrance doors (near girls bathroom).

Mrs. Ewald's office painted.

Carbon Monoxide detectors placed in each classroom / meeting room to Smithtown codes.

New A/C window units in Faculty room / nurse's office / principal's office.

Hot water heater in Nurse's office.

Water testing on all faucets – passed inspection.

Testing of ceiling tiles in auditorium – passed inspection.

Heating

– 3 step process – using existing heat with state-of-the-art Johnson controls and digital thermostats in each classroom to eliminate overheating.

Step 1 - Completed over Christmas break.
Six (6) classrooms fitted with digital thermostats

Step 2 - To be completed over February break.
Remaining classrooms / offices to be fitted with digital thermostats

Step 3 - To be completed over Easter break. Three-way split of heating loop - School/Church/Auditorium.
Each will have their own zones.

Slated to begin early Spring:

Repair / resurface / restriping of the side and rear school parking lot

Summer project – anticipated

Two (2) classrooms remodeled

To be addressed – *School lobby doors – front and rear*

SSPJ Facilities Managers Report 2016-Present

Old Schoolhouse

New classroom shades for all windows.

Gas conversion completed

Gas meter fenced in

Gas pipes boxed-in – classrooms/hallways

New heating system installed in attic

All heating ductwork boxed in

All damaged/broken/stained ceiling tiles replaced

Three (3) new LED EXIT combo lights installed at classroom exit doors

Two (2) new hexagon windows installed – one in front (25A) one on side (Carow Pl)

Shutters installed on front (25A) Science Room window and Science Room window facing Carow Pl.

Entrance to Grade 6 & Grade 7 repaired

New sign on school building – 25A

Cupola taken down and new one constructed and replaced on roof

Removal of old oil tank and soil testing

Removal of old sign on 25A

All faucets water tested and passed inspection

Grounds

Soil testing surrounding old oil tank – passed inspection / no leakage

Level and install sprinkler system in front of Monte

Constructed base for Mother Seton statue

Addressed grass and minor landscaping around Mother Seton statue

New 500 watt LED lights installed on light poles

Additional Security spotlights added to buildings and grounds

Shrubbery / trees along parking lot trimmed back

Playground – removal of old slide. Trees trimmed back

Needs to be addressed in Spring – new mulch to bring play areas into code (Risk Management)

TO BE COMPLETED OVER FEBRUARY BREAK:

Safety glass to be installed in classroom hallway doors.

TO BE ADDRESSED OVER SUMMER BREAK:

Removal of all old cast iron radiators from all classrooms and hallways.

Repair/paint floors and walls after removal of old radiators.

Saints Philip and James School

Open House and Registration

Sunday, January 29, 2017

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Saints Philip and James School is dedicated to providing a Catholic education which nourishes the respect for individual diversity, fosters cooperative learning and promotes global awareness. Our primary commitment is to integrate the Gospel message with the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development of our students, thus enabling them to become the leaders of tomorrow.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
Communities of Faith,
Knowledge and Service

Full-day Pre-K/Kindergarten Programs

Before and After School Care

Weekly attendance at Mass

Student prayer services throughout the year

Community-related service projects

9th Grade Math Class

iPad/Chromebook Classrooms

Success on Catholic High School Entrance Exam

Foreign Languages – Spanish and Mandarin

Band Program including violin

NYSSMA Member

Variety of After School Programs/Clubs

Drama Club/Broadway Jr.

Member of Catholic Middle Schools

Athletic Association

And much more!!

For further information and to arrange a tour, please call 631-584-7896

www.sspjschool.net

Saints Philip and James Parish Calendar

For The Week of January 29th, 2017

SUNDAY, January 29th, 2017

8:00am	Wash Kit Gang Superbowl Raffle	School Lobby
9:00am	RCIA Weekly Sessions	Philip & James Rm.
10:00am	SSPJ School OPEN HOUSE	School/Auditorium
10:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Church
10:30am	REO Grade 5 Class Mass	Church
1:00pm	Stained Glass Club	Downstairs Mtg Rm.

MONDAY, January 30th, 2017

5:45pm	REO Confirmation II Mentor Conversations (Makeup)	SSPJ Room
7:00pm	REO Confirmation II Mentor Conversations	SSPJ Room
7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting	Auditorium

TUESDAY, January 31st, 2017:

1:30pm	Spirit of Prayer Group	Prayer Rm in Church
4:30pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Choir Loft
7:30pm	Boy Scout Leadership Meeting	Monte Building
7:30pm	Impact 8th Grade	Auditorium
7:30pm	Chords of Faith Rehearsal	Choir Loft

WEDNESDAY, February 1st, 2017:

10:00am	Yoga	Trailer Room
4:00pm	Peace & Justice Meeting	Philip & James Rm
7:00pm	Youth Ministry	Trailer Room

Thursday, February 2nd, 2017:

10:00am	REO Grade 3 & 4 Catechist Workshop	Philip & James Rm
2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:00pm	REO Grade 3 & 4 Catechist Workshop	Philip & James Rm
7:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30pm	Pre-Baptism Class	Philip & James Rm

FRIDAY, February 3rd, 2017:

9:15am	8th Grade Pinning	Church
3:00pm	Stained Glass Club	Downstairs Mt Rm
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Monte Building
8:00pm	First Friday Nocturnal Adoration	Church

SATURDAY, February 4th, 2017:

10:00am	Stained Glass Club	Downstairs Meet Rm
11:30am	REO Communion II 1st Reconciliation	Church
1:30pm	REO Communion II 1st Reconciliation	Church



Wash Kit Gang Annual Super Bowl Raffle!

FINAL WEEKEND!

Please stop by and purchase raffle tickets that support the wonderful work of the SSPJ Wash Kit Gang.

All proceeds go toward providing supplies for making wash kits and messages of hope to homeless families and individuals living at shelters on Long Island.

The Wash Kit Gang Ministry also provides teaching and service opportunities for young people in our parish to help those among us that are the most vulnerable in our society.

The tickets are only \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The top prize is
a
Samsung 50-inch 4K television!

Together, With Philip and James, We Are Church

Mass Intentions, For Week of January 29th, 2017

Saturday, January 28th, 2017

5:00pm Helen Schmidt

Sunday, January 29th, 2017

8:00am Maria Rosa Calado
10:00am Letty Tsoumpelis
12:00noon Collective Mass & For The Parishioners of SSPJ
Peter Bongo
William J. Morrissey
Bernard Helderfore
Agnes Haran
Joan DeFontes

Monday, January 30th, 2017

7:30am Ethel Jessup
9:15am Christopher Michael Thomas (Living)

Tuesday, January 31st, 2017

7:30am Christine Hurtado (Living)
9:15am Frank Cafaro, Jr.

Wednesday, February 1st, 2017

7:30am Frank Cafaro, Jr.
9:15am Richard Brown

Thursday February 2nd, 2017

7:30am George Lundin
9:15am Collective Mass:
Ernest Schiavone
Lorraine C. Levix

Friday, February 3rd, 2017

7:30am Paul Kovalsky
9:15am Dawn Marie Benz

Saturday, February 4th, 2017

9:15am Jimmy Scafa
5:00pm Robert, Thomas & Josephine Zirpoli

Sunday, February 5th, 2017

8:00am Father James Maltese
10:00am Dominica May Sapienza
12:00noon Collective Mass & For The Parishioners of SSPJ
Angela Marie Muratore
Nancy Mallio
Dorothy Preston
Loretta Giarusso
Elizabeth McManus

Together, As a Parish Family, We Mourn the Passing of:

Hedwig Zielinski
Joseph P. Martin



"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.
Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven."

Our Bread & Wine, Altar Candles and Pro-Life Rose are a wonderful way to memorialize a loved one or special family occasion.

Offerings:

Pro Life Rose \$15.00
Altar Candles: \$25.00
Bread & Wine: \$25.00

Each offering is printed in our weekly bulletin and remains for one week.

For further information, please contact the Parish Center Office at 631-584-5454.

Thank you

The Catholic Daughters Court Anna Theresa #1074

Presents

BROADWAY COMES TO ST. JAMES!



A Night of Delightful Music

Featuring the Vocal styling of

JOSEPH SMALDINO

**Gina Morgigno, Samantha Free,
Anthony Arpino**

Saturday, February 18, 2017 from 7:30-10pm

Sts. Philip and James Auditorium

359 Clinton Ave St. James NY 11780

Light appetizers will be served ~ coffee and desserts

Soda/seltzer ~ iced tea~~You are welcome to BYOB

COST \$20 per person

Tickets must be purchased/reserved in advance of the evening

For information and reservations call Virginia @ 631-361-7365

Keeping You In Our Prayers....



Alfred Fox
Amy Delgado
Andrew Seelin
Andy S.
Anita Principe
Anna Capizzio
Ann Falzarano
AnnMarie Cortina
Anthony Malatesta
Anthony Rizzo
Antonio Fecca
Ashley Picozzi
Barbara See
Bradley Shutka
Bernadette Esposito
Bob Koop
Brett Lyons
Brett Dowling
Caitlyn Sinclair
Cathryn Nikiforow
Carol Walz
Carolann Orefice
Carole Hennessy
Charles Inzerillo
Christine Shaw
Christopher Michael
Christopher Paul
Christopher Tallarico
Daisy Abruzzo
Dr. Corradino Lalli
Diane Fatcone
Diane Weidner
Diego Stincone
Dolores Cea
Dolores Lacy
Dolores & Richard Hauth
Donald Stanton
Dylan Beach
Dylan Murphy
Edward Altmann
Eileen Ballerano
Eileen Zinck
Elinor Glasser
Ellen Mary Newill Boyd
Ellie I.
Eric Michelsen
Eva Alaimo
Erica Macrelli
Frank Orlik
Fred Zapf
George Seserian
George Schweers
Gerald Sullivan
Grace Giordano
Helen Astin
Helen McDowell
Helen Williams
Hollie Sramek
Jack
Jack C
Jack Scagnelli
James Schreiber
Jeanine Esposito-Tansey
Jeanne W.
Jennifer
Joel Rapzker
John Bongiorno
John C.
John McGuire
John Reif
Joseph Chick Martin
Julia McDowell Scott
Julianne

Kaitlin Cahill
Kathleen N
Kathleen Newill
Kay N
Kitty Cronin
Kylie Quigley
Laura Andrucki
Laura Michelsen
Laurette Meyers
Lee Krauer
Linda Lauro
Linda Marie N.
Lisa
Lisa Bolton
Lisa Messana
Lorraine Hanley
Louis Maddaloni
Lucas Cianci
Margaret Monfort
Mark Smith
Maria Cipriani
Marie Napoli- O'Neil
Marissa
Martin D'Amico
Mary McCue
Mary Missbach
Mattia Therese Lubrano
Mathew DiPietro
Mathew White
Michael Flynn
Michael Kaplon
Michael Hoonhout
Michelle Bongiorno
Nick Gismondi
Nicolina Santucci
Paula Medeiros
Patricia Esposito
Patricia Monetti
Patricia Fontana
Patricia Nidds
Patty Argentino
Pete Thompson
Peter Ambrose
Ray & Cathy Grayson
Rebecca Devan
Richard Belardo
Richard Casio
Robert Michael Carr
Robert P. Wrenn
Rosemarie Castoro
Rosemarie LaFronz
Rosemarie Pastorelli
Ruth Weick
Sandy Polster
Scott Kirchoffer
Sharon Williams
Steve Whelan
Terrance Martin
Terrence Emde
Thomas John Collins
Thomas Mooney
Tim Kelly
Valerie Geye Costas
Victor Blum
Vincent Briante
Virginia Kelly
Vito Montello
Vivien Cordes
William Lanagan

PRAY FOR OUR ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ MILITARY

“We pray for peace in the world” and for those who serve....

LCDR. MEGAN M. SHUTKA-VIK, USN
CAPT. WILSON MARKS, USN
CAPTAIN MICHAEL DOLAN, JR.
LT. COL. JOHN KAIRES
SPC. NICOLE A. CANNON
SGM. MICHAEL P. BORRELLI (US ARMY)
CAPT. JOHN TULLY, USN
LT. COL. JAMES TULLY, US ARMY
JOSEPH SAGGIO, USNC
CAPTAIN PAUL WILLMS
STAFF SGT. MICHAEL LONGHENRY
LT. COL. PAUL T. JACKSON,
SR AIRMAN E4 ALEXANDER PARRELLA
RICHARD SOTOMAYER, USAF
CPL. CONNOR F. SCOTT, USMC
LCPL. DANIEL P. STEELE, USMC
SGT. CORY O'HARA USMC
JAMEY ALAIMO, U.S.C.G.
BRITTANY ALAIMO, U.S.C.G.
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
LANCE 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

Weekly Collection: **Sunday, January 22nd, 2017**

Sunday Collection: \$14,579.

Faith Direct: \$3,823.

Children's Jug: \$52.

Total Collection: \$18,454.

Many thanks for your generous support of SSPJ.

If you are able to take a step in your sacrificial offering it would be greatly appreciated.

If you are using a collection envelope, with sincere gratitude, we say, Thank you!

Kindly write the dollar amount of your contribution on the front of the collection envelope.

Celebrating the Liturgy- With Grateful Hearts We Serve

PRESIDER SCHEDULE—FOR February 4th & 5th, 2017

Presider Schedule may be subject to last minute changes.

Saturday, February 4th, 2017

5:00pm Father Tom Haggerty/Dcn. John

Sunday, February 5th, 2017

8:00am Father Tom Haggerty/Dcn. Ron
 10:00am Father Patrick Osei-Poku/Dcn. John
 12:00Noon Father Patrick Osei-Poku/Dcn. Ron

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE –FOR February 4th & 5th 2017

SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 8:00AM	SUNDAY 10:00AM	SUNDAY 12:00 NOON
M. Laub P. Damato P. Rizzo N. Locastro J. Giacalone K. Consenz J. Primavera H. Collins C. Boyen D. Coppola	E. Sica G. Beisel T. Boboris M. Kenney M. Morbillo C. Czujko R. Doda, Sr. T. Sica W. VanGostein P. Martin	C. Napolitano L. Keane B. Gill G. Patalano J. Lavan J. Scott J. Sweeney J. Tafrá L. Patalano B. Luna	J. Linder M. Loughlin L. Keane D. Coppola G. Iannuccilli M. Lebrun J. Hanrahan P. Iannuccilli T. Pace

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE -FOR February 4th & 5th, 2017

SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 8:00AM	SUNDAY 10:00AM	SUNDAY 12:00 NOON
M. Pappas A. Suchy B. Balocca R. Greene V. Scarpelli	J. Auleta L. Auleta A. Willman B. Willman L. Willman	C. Donnelly S. Donnelly B. Roberts A. Kaiser	C. D'Agostino D. Regan G. Romero I. Cole M. Colletta

LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR February 4th & 5th, 2017

SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 8:00AM	SUNDAY 10:00AM	SUNDAY 12:00 NOON
C. Lombardi 8th Grade Lector	P. Kanuika S. Cavooris	T. Cafaro T. Contrino	M. Hoonhout J. Borelli

Parish Social Ministry

Parish Social Ministry is collecting new and gently used warm coats.

There is a special need for Women's and Children's coats.

Your generosity in sharing a laundered or dry cleaned coat is greatly appreciated as their recipients cannot afford to do so.

Coats will be collected from
January 30th, 2017 thru February 8, 2017.

Please bring your donations to the Parish Center Office.

If you should have any questions, please contact the Parish Social Ministry Office
at 631-584-5454



Ss. Philip and James Youth Ministry

Smugglers Notch Vermont Resort SNOWBOARD / SKI TRIP



February 10-12, 2017

Cost: \$245.00

Includes: Coach Bus Transportation, Slopeside Condominiums.
Saturday Night Fun Zone & Jousting Competition.

Smugglers Notch Ski Resort is rated #1 for beginners.

Also included is the Indoor Pool, Ice Skating and Snow tubing.

We will also be celebrating Mass and Morning prayer

The Above Cost does **NOT** include rentals, meals or lessons.

Please find fees below.

Rentals \$20.00 per day

Lessons \$35.00

Departure: Friday February 10th @ 2:30pm

Return: Sunday February 12th @ 10:30pm



Payment & Permission Slip are due by Wednesday January 18, 2017.

All Condo/Room arrangements will be left to the discretion of Frank Brancaccio.

For more Info please call the Smuggs Hotline @ 631-862-SSPJ.

Check out Smuggs.com

Religious Education News

Way to Go 8th Grade Religious Ed Confirmation II Students!!!

Dear Sts. Philip & James Parish,

On behalf of the patients, families and the Child Life Department at Stony Brook Children's, we would like to express our deepest thanks for your wonderful donation. The toys and books you donated helped to make illness and hospitalization easier for our patients and their family members, especially during the holiday season. The patients were very happy and excited when they received one of your gifts!

When children are hospitalized they are comforted by special gifts that help them to relax, heal and play. We truly appreciate your thoughtful donation to the Child Life Program at Stony Brook Children's. You should feel great about yourselves and the joy that you helped bring to our patients. We thank you for bringing happiness and smiles to our children through your generosity and kindness!

Sincerely,

The Child Life Team
Stony Brook Children's Hospital

Confirmation II Mentor Conversation

Monday, January 30th, 2017
In the SSPJ Room

5:45pm Make Up Session

7:00pm Conversation for Stickle & Meringolo
classes

Confirmation II 8th Grade

Tuesday, January 31st, 2017

IMPACT OPENING NIGHT

7:30pm-9pm in the Church

Grade 3 & 4 Catechist Workshop

Thursday, February 2nd, 2017

10:00am or 7:00pm

In SSPJ Room

Communion II Reconciliation Services

Saturday, February 4th, 2017

11:30am and 1:30pm

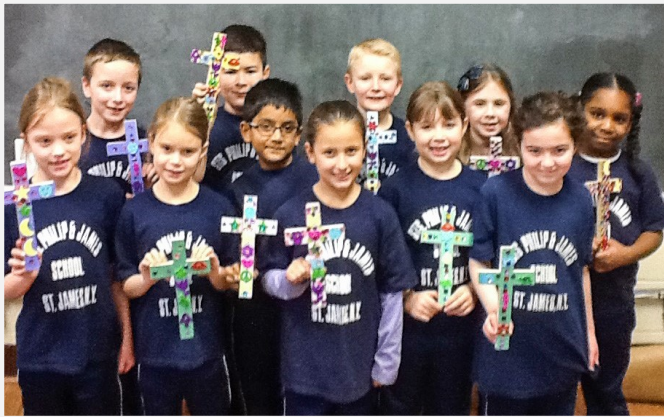
Scheduled by class

SSPJ School News



The second grade is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on February 4th.

Second grade science is awesome. We did experiments with different types of matter and how they reacted with substances we found in our kitchens



Our school is getting ready to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We decorated wooden crosses to present to our special guest at a luncheon next week.

**Save
the
Date**

***The Dine Around Is
Coming back to
Town!!!***

Bringing Back The

Dine

Around

*Sts. Philip & James 18th Annual Dine Around
will be held Monday,
April 3rd at 7:00pm*

Getting Ready for Next Sunday

February 5th - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time —Cycle A

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

Isaiah 58:7-10

Psalms 112; 1

Corinthians 2:1-5

Matthew 5:13-16

Specially trained individuals are often asked to shed light on areas of confusion and uncertainty. Light eliminates our darkness and eases our tension. The metaphor of light goes all the way back to the first chapter of Genesis when the creation of light means the end of chaos. This same imagery is found in today's Scriptures.

Around 500 B.C. the author of Isaiah 56-66 confronted the post-exilic community in Judah. They complained that their fasting did not have any positive results. In response the prophet points out that a genuine fast means someone has benefited. For example, if bread is shared with the hungry "then your light shall break forth like the dawn" (Isaiah 58:8).

Psalms 112 is constructed around this proverb: The righteousness of the just lasts forever but the desire of the wicked is frustrated. The psalmist sees great blessing for the righteous, "They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright" (Psalm 112:4). The image of light clarifies the thrust of graciousness, mercy, and justice.

Matthew sees the persecuted as the world's benefactors. Harassed Christians are commissioned to enlighten humanity, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). Matthew develops this dimension of Christian discipleship by comparing Christ's followers to a city perched on a hill, clear and visible. Disciples shed light on darkness; to renege on this task would be to hide a lamp under a bushel basket.

The narrow constraints of ego often focus the spotlight on one's self. Society encourages this kind of individualism. Light is made into a personal commodity. The sacred writers today urge us to reassess our gifts and talents -- our lights -- as property of the community. Our sisters and brothers are truly human subjects within range of our generosity and compassion. To enlighten the path of these fellow humans is to magnify God's presence. Darkness cedes to light, and chaos gives way to order.

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You are the salt of the earth



For reflection...

Today's readings remind us that God uses "ordinary" aspects of life to reveal love, and invites us to do the same. What ordinary "salt" in the form of people or events has helped season your life? How have you seasoned the lives of others?

When have you experienced being the light of the world? Are there "bushel baskets" which keep your light from shining? How might that basket be tended to or removed?

In what ways might we move beyond ourselves to be salt and light to those in need within and beyond our parish?

What does binding the wounds of others have to do with your own wounds? Who benefits when people share their bread or shelter the homeless? Explain.

St. Paul says our faith rests on the power of God. How have you experienced that?



Light...the "end" to chaos

Acedia and Sabbath

Early Christian monks believed in something they called, *Acedia*. More colloquially, they called it, *the Noonday Devil*, a name that essentially describes the concept. Acedia, for them, was different from ordinary depression in that it didn't draw you into the dark, chaotic areas of your mind and heart, to have you diseased before your own complex and infinite depth; it was more of a flattening out, a dearth of energy, that put you into a semi-vegetative state that simply deadened all deep feeling and thoughts.

The early church considered it one of the seven capital sins. Later it was renamed as *Sloth*. There's an abundance of good spiritual literature on the concept of acedia, not least Kathleen Norris' rather definitive work on how acedia was understood by the early church.

But until recently, acedia hadn't been studied in depth as a psychological concept. Happily that's changing, with important implications for spirituality. To offer just one example: I recently attended a lecture on acedia given by a Jungian specialist, Lauren Morgan Wuest. I cannot do justice to her full thesis here, but let me risk an over-simplified synopsis.

Having read the literature of the Desert Fathers and the various commentaries on the idea of acedia, she attempted to interface that spiritual literature with the insights of contemporary psychology, particularly those from the Jungian school of thought. What were her conclusions?

In brief, her view is that acedia is not a clinical diagnosis, meaning that it isn't a pathology requiring treatment, nor is it an ordinary depression. Rather the symptoms of acedia are the result of a healthy instinctual reflex of our bodies and minds which, when they not given something they need, sometimes forcefully shut us down, much like an ordinary depression shuts someone down; except that in the case of acedia, the shutdown of energy is for the purpose of health. Simplistically put, because we won't sit down on our own and give our bodies and minds the rest, nourishment, and space they need, our bodies and minds conspire together to sit us down, forcibly. In essence, that's acedia, and, in essence, it's for our own health.

As a psychologist, she didn't go on to draw out the potential ramifications of this for spirituality, particularly how this might relate to the practice of Sabbath in our lives, but all the implications are there.

When you read the Judeo-Christian scriptures, particularly the early sections in Genesis which chronicle the creation of the world and how God "rested" on the Sabbath, you see that there's a divinely-ordered rhythm to how work and rest are supposed to unfold in our lives. Briefly stated, there's to be pattern, a rhythm, to our lives which works this way: *You work for six days, and then have a one day sabbatical; you work for seven years, and then have a one-year sabbatical; you work for seven times seven years, and then have a Jubilee year, a sabbatical for the whole planet; and then you work for a lifetime, and go on an eternity of sabbatical.*

In essence, our lives of work, our everyday agenda, and our normal anxieties, are to be regularly punctuated by a time in which we lay down the hammer, lay down our agenda, lay down our work-a-day worries and simply sit, rest, vegetate, enjoy, soak-in, luxuriate, contemplate, pray, and let things take care of themselves for a while. That's the biblical formula for health, spiritual, human, psychic, and bodily. And whenever we don't do this voluntarily, in effect, whenever we neglect to do Sabbath in our lives, our bodies and minds are likely to do it for us by shutting down our energies. Acedia is our friend here: We will do Sabbath, one-way or the other.

It's no secret that today the practice of Sabbath is more and more disappearing within our culture. Indeed, our culture constitutes a virtual conspiracy against the practice of Sabbath. Among the many culprits responsible for this, I highlight our addiction to information technology, our current inability to go for any stretch of time without being connected to others and the world through a phone, a commuter pad, or a computer screen. We are finding ourselves less and less able to step away from all that we are connected to through information technology, and consequently we are finding ourselves less and less able to simply rest, to let go of things, to be in Sabbath-mode. Perhaps the most important ascetical practice for us today would be the practice of Cyber-Sabbaths.

Already seven hundred years ago, the Sufi poet, Rumi, lamented: *I have lived too long where I can be reached!* That's a cry for Sabbath time that went up long before today's information technology placed us where we can always be reached, and that cry is going up everywhere today as our addiction to information technology increases. One worries that we will not find the asceticism needed to curb our addiction, but then acedia may well do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

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