



# *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

***February 26, 2017***  
***Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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## **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:**

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

**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**  
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**School Office: 631-584-7896**  
**School Fax: 631-584-3258**

# Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

*Can  
A mother  
Forget her infant?*

*Can  
You  
O God  
Forget us?*

*Whom you  
Design in love.  
Create out of love  
Redeem because of love.*

*Nunca  
Jamais  
Nimmer  
Never*

*In you we trust.      Anne Osdieck*

This Wednesday we begin the season of Lent. A copy of the Ash Wednesday Masses and prayer services is in today's bulletin. A number of parish opportunities will be provided as we journey throughout these forty days together.

We will ready ourselves with a traditional Lenten soup supper at 5:30 pm on Ash Wednesday in the auditorium sponsored by Parish Social Ministry with homemade soups made by the Knights of Columbus. Beginning Friday, March 3, 2017 and each Friday thereafter in Lent, Thematic Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 7:30 pm in Church. This Friday the theme will be; "The Cross and Family Challenges" *We pray with and for all generations, with children, spouses, singles, all types of families.*

This weekend, members of The Peace, Justice and Care of Creation Ministry will be speaking at each mass to introduce "Our Lenten Parish Formation Program. "Inspired by Pope Francis, this program brings attention to: *Protecting God's Creation; Embracing Gospel Justice; and Nurturing Christian Simplicity.* Beginning this week, and each of the subsequent 6 weeks in Lent, we will feature another thought provoking topic in our Parish Bulletin. Lent is a very special time to acknowledge the fact that "***We All Can Do Something.***"

Another way to journey "Your Best Lent Ever", is to join Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever, a free email program designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. Sign up at [BestLentEver.com](http://BestLentEver.com).

Please be sure to set aside the evenings of March 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> as we are all invited to "Our Parish Lenten Retreat "hosted by Author and Motivational Speaker Jim Ryan. Please see the bulletin for more details.

As has been our recent custom Lenten bracelets will distributed along with The ashes on Ash Wednesday. This year 's theme is the conclusion of a phrase made popular by Helen Keller.

***"I am only one, but I am still one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something".***

Most of us are familiar with Helen's story and the new ways in which she came to understand her place in the world. The Lenten season is a graced time when we too are challenged by our Teacher to re-examine and take a new look at what those waters of baptism and "***that something***" we might do which can liberate possibilities for one another.

*Peace,*

*Father Tom*

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



# 2017 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



ONE  
FAITH · FAMILY · COMMUNITY

*"We must always walk in the presence  
of the Lord, in the light of the Lord..."*

*-Pope Francis*

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is the annual appeal of the Diocese of Rockville Centre.  
Funds collected for the appeal are used to:

- ◆ ◆ Feed and clothe the needy.
- ◆ ◆ Provide religious education for over 100 thousand elementary and high school students.
- ◆ ◆ Educate our Seminarians, Deacons and Lay People for service to the church.
- ◆ ◆ House the homeless.
- ◆ ◆ Care for the sick and dying in hospitals.
- ◆ ◆ Help our children and adults prepare for the sacraments.

Lastly, through a 20% Parish Rebate, when our parish reaches its appeal goal of \$122, 500, we will receive a parish rebate of \$24, 500. With great thanks to YOUR overwhelming generosity, our parish exceeded its goal last year with \$128,781 in paid pledges, returning a rebate of \$27,485 to our parish.

Together, through the appeal, we humbly share God's blessings with 600,000 brothers and sisters here on Long Island.

*They are OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS!*

*We are none of us alone... We, belong to each other as Apostles of Hope.*

## Please Make Checks Payable to: **CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**

Catholic Ministries Appeal Office  
PO Box 4000  
Rockville Centre, NY 11571-4000

**OR**

Sts. Philip & James Church  
1 Carow Place  
St. James, NY 11780

TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR PARISH NEEDS, CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND DIOCESAN SERVICES.

I/We agree to make a gift of:

Pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Payment \_\_\_\_\_ Balance \_\_\_\_\_

Matching Gift Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Donor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

# MEET OUR NEW BISHOP

Parishioners are invited to join with members of other parishes in Rockville Centre Deanery 14  
To attend a



**Deanery Mass**

**With**

**Bishop John O. Barres**

**Tuesday, March 7th, 2017**

**At 12:10 p.m.**

St. Patrick's Church  
280 E. Main Street, Smithtown

## THANK YOU FROM PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

*Thank you for the beautiful coats donated during our recent coat drive! As you can see from these photos of some of the recipients, there was much joy at the Sisters of St. Joseph's LEARNING CONNECTION when the coats arrived last week.*

*Please continue to support these women and their families by attending our ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> IN THE AUDITORIUM IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 5:00 SERVICE.*

*The proceeds from the Lenten Soup Supper will benefit the LEARNING CONNECTION.*

*HAPPY LENT!*

*Elizabeth Wittish, OFS*



# Preparing for Our Lenten Journey



## ASH WEDNESDAY

March 1, 2017

7:30am Mass

9:15am Mass

12:00 Noon Word Service

3:00pm Word Service

5:00pm Word Service

7:30pm Mass (Youth Ministry)



Remember man  
that you are  
dust and into  
dust you shall  
return.

If you can help with the distribution of ashes, or our Lenten bracelets, we ask you to attend one of the very brief training sessions which will be given after each of the weekend Masses on February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## Parish Social Ministry Lenten Soup Supper

Ash Wednesday March 1, 2017

Immediately following the 5:00pm Ash Wednesday Service  
in the Auditorium

Why do we begin Lent with a Soup Supper? By having a simple meal voluntarily, we place ourselves in solidarity with those who, by necessity, eat simply every day because of poverty. Just as Jesus entered into our poor and broken situation, accepting human suffering and the Cross, we too enter into the suffering of others who are in need of our help.



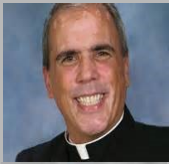
Homemade soups prepared and served by the  
SSPJ Knights of Columbus



Your free-will offering will benefit  
THE LEARNING CONNECTION,  
A Ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph - Brentwood.



**SUNDAY NIGHT LENTEN MASSES**  
**MUSIC BY THE SSPJ YOUTH MINISTRY**  
**AT 5:30PM**



JOIN US ON SUNDAY NIGHTS DURING LENT AT 5:30PM

OUR CELEBRANTS FOR THESE SPECIAL LENTEN MASSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SUNDAY, MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 .....FATHER TONY STANGANELLI

SUNDAY, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2017.....MSGR. BRIAN MCNAMARA

SUNDAY, MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2017.....*TO BE ANNOUNCED*

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017.....FATHER GREG RANNAZZISSI

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017 .....*TO BE ANNOUNCED*

*Hear my prayer as I begin  
this Lenten journey with  
you. Let me be honest with  
myself as I look into my  
heart and soul, noticing the  
times I turn away from you.  
Guide me as I humbly seek  
to repent and return to your  
love.*

*May humility guide my  
efforts to be reconciled with  
you and live forever in your  
abundant grace.*

*Transform me this Lent,  
heavenly Father. Give me  
the strength to commit  
myself to grow closer to you  
each day.*

*Amen.*

*Sign Up at:*

*Www.BestLentEver.com/  
Signup*



**+** *Circle of Women*

**An Evening of Lenten Prayer,  
Reflection and Dialogue.**

**"Embracing,  
Inclusivity, Solidarity and Vision."**



***Monday March 13, 2017***

***7:00 to 8:30 in the Church***

***Please check with office if weather is bad***

# Saints Philip and James Parish Calendar

## For The Week of February 26th, 2017

### SUNDAY, February 26th, 2017

9:00am	RCIA Weekly Sessions	Philip & James Rm.
10:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Church
11:15am	Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang	Auditorium
1:00pm	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Wkshop
4:00pm	Youth Ministry Stations of the Cross Practice	Main Church
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Monte Building

### MONDAY, February 27th, 2017

1:15pm	SSPJ Senior Group	Philip & James Room
6:30pm	Men's Forum	Church
7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting	Auditorium
7:00pm	REO Grade 5&6 Catechist Workshop	Philip & James Room

### TUESDAY, February 28th, 2017:

1:30pm	Spirit of Love Prayer Group	Prayer Rm in Church
4:30pm	Childrens Choir Rehearsal	Choir Loft
7:00pm	REO Communion II Catechist Workshop	Philip & James Room
7:30pm	Boy Scout Leadership Meeting	Monte Building
7:30pm	Chords of Faith Rehearsal	Choir Loft
7:30pm	Impact 8th Grade	Auditorium

### WEDNESDAY, March 1, 2017: Ash Wednesday

10:00am	Yoga	Trailer Room
4:00pm	Peace & Justice Meeting	Philip & James Rm.
5:30pm	PSM Lenten Soup Supper	Auditorium
7:00pm	Youth Ministry	Trailer Room

### Thursday, March 2nd, 2017:

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

### FRIDAY, March 3, 2017:

1:00pm	REO Communion Articles Sales	Philip & James Rm
3:00pm	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Workshop
7:00pm	AA Meeting	Monte Building
8:00pm	First Friday Nocturnal Adoration	Church

### SATURDAY, March 4th, 2017:

10:00am	Stained Glass Club	Stained Glass Workshop
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*SSPJ MASS  
BOOK for 2018*

*The Mass Book for 2018 will  
be available for Mass*

*intentions on:*

*Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
at 9:00AM in the Parish  
Center.*

*In order to accommodate all  
requests, we ask that your  
initial Mass intentions be  
limited to three.*

*Thank you for your  
cooperation and  
understanding.*



**THERE IS A  
NEW START TIME  
FOR PEANUT BUTTER  
& JELLY GANG NOW:**

**Sunday's at 11:15 AM  
(sign in at 11 AM)**

**Thank You!!**





# 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, FEBRUARY 27, 2017: OPEN FORUM DISCUSSION

### Topic: "Making a Holy Lent"

Forty days of grace begin this Ash Wednesday, March 1st. The Season of Lent is an opportunity to follow Jesus Christ along his way of self-denial and suffering to the Life and Glory of His Resurrection. Jesus himself laid down this condition of discipleship: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). Decision Time! Do you really want to take Jesus up on his promises, or are you going to continue to drift along in your spiritual life? Monday's Open Forum will raise questions about your attitude (resignation or resolve?) and approach (meager or generous?) to Lent, and provide feasible, practical steps to make this time of grace one of true growth. Be a manly disciple of Christ and join us!

**WHERE & WHEN:** Main Church: North Country Rd., Saint James, NY  
6:30 PM: Adoration • 7:30 PM: Open Forum • 8:30 PM: Coffee & Cake

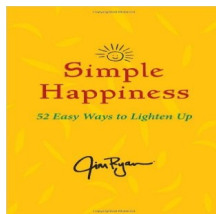
*Come for all, or part of our evening's schedule • No membership required. Open to all men!*

For more information, visit our website: [www.sspjmensforum.org](http://www.sspjmensforum.org)



## CHURCH of SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES

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Our Parish Lenten Retreat  
Monday Tuesday and Wednesday  
March 27<sup>th</sup>, March 28<sup>th</sup>, and March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
From 7:30pm until 8:30pm  
In The Church



*"Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart*

*Joel 2:12-17*

*Lent is a gift. It is a gift of time. A time to embark upon a journey of self-discovery, inner awareness, and the quiet, loving embrace of Jesus.*

Our Lenten Retreat will be presented by, Author and Motivational Speaker, Jim Ryan. Jim has the unique ability to take profound, life changing concepts and turn them into easily understood solutions. His message encourages each attendee to achieve his personal best, at home, at work and in personal relationships.

His Topics will be:

Monday, March 27, 2017 :

Simple Happiness-8 Characteristics of Happy People

Tuesday, March 28, 2017:

Managing Thought, the Key to Experiencing God's Love

Wednesday, March 29, 2017:

Start to Live Heaven on Earth

All are Welcome, please bring a friend!

*Together , With Philip and James, We Are Church*

***Mass Intentions, For Week of February 26 , 2017***

**Saturday, February 25th, 2017**

5:00pm Patricia Henrich

**Sunday, February 26th, 2017**

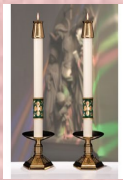
8:00am Mary Beth Weidig  
10:00am Mary Linder  
12:00noon **Collective Mass & For The Parishioners of SSPJ**  
Robert O'Donnell  
Raymond Donovan  
Joseph C. Martin  
Miriam & James Dorrian  
Vic Valente

**Monday, February 27th, 2017**

7:30am Victor Valente  
9:15am Frank Cafaro, Jr.

**Tuesday, February 28th, 2017**

7:30am Patricia McNeely  
9:15am Mary Bracken



February 26, 2017  
  
Our Altar Candles  
Are Burning  
For  
Dominick Caponegro Jr.  
And  
Frank Lombardo

***In Memory...***  
***Our Parish Family Mourns***  
***The Passing***  
***Of***  
***Diego Stincone***  
***Ada Steffanie***



*With Sincere Sympathy*

**Wednesday, March 1st, 2017**

7:30am Faculty & Staff of SSPJ  
9:15am Toni Donals  
7:30pm

**Thursday March 2nd, 2017**

7:30am Ronald Guertin  
9:15am **Collective Mass:**  
Anna May Notaro

**Friday, March 3rd, 2017**

7:30am Christine Hurtardo  
9:15am Petrina Froehrig

**Saturday, March 4th, 2017**

9:15am Laura Iacovetti  
5:00pm Mark Robert Guglielmo

**Sunday, March 5th, 2017**

8:00am John O'Loughlin  
10:00am Louise Koke  
12:00noon **Collective Mass & For The Parishioners of SSPJ**  
Robert Pollock  
John Saliembene  
Mary Bonsignore  
Margaret Areiter

**Please Help**

**Katie's Way Collection**

**Saturday, March 11, 2017**  
**From 1-3pm**  
**403 Lake Avenue, St. James,**  
**Desperately in need of all baby , toddler**  
**items. Especially diapers and clothes**  
**size 4T and under.**

**Also large plastic storage bins for**  
**delivery of items and storage.**

**At the current time, toys cannot be**  
**accepted as there is limited space at**  
**local shelters.**



# Lent

Caring for Our Common Home

A Seven-Week Catholic Faith Formation Program

*Inspired by Pope Francis*

**Protecting God's Creation  
Embracing Gospel Justice  
Nurturing Christian Simplicity**



IMAGINE EARTH divided equally among all of us. Each person would receive 4.2 acres. Now imagine that everything you need—food, energy, home, clothing, appliances, gadgets—must come from those 4.2 acres. But it takes 17.2 acres per person to maintain the average American lifestyle. Inspired by Pope Francis, Lent 4.2 is a new way of observing Lent that helps us care for God's creation by taking steps toward using only our fair share of its resources. Moving in the direction of 4.2 is essential for anyone walking in the footsteps of Jesus today.



*"Human life is grounded in three fundamental and closely intertwined relationships: with God, with our neighbor and with the earth itself."*

—Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*

## Lent

Lent is an appropriate time to reflect on the impact our lives have on the world and other people with whom we share it. This year we look at how our daily and habitual choices affect creation, as well as consider what lifestyle changes are being required of us. With Lent 4.2, the foundational Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving can be engaged in new and meaningful ways.

**PRAYER**—Lent 4.2 leads you into prayerful gratitude for the gift of life in all its forms. It stirs a spirit of penance for the ways God's planet has been misused. Through quiet listening you can awaken to the sacred voice of God speaking through creation.

**FASTING**—Lent 4.2 brings contemporary meaning and value to fasting. It suggests practical ways in which you can abstain from habits of consumption that harm God's creation and spawn injustice. You will learn to fast in ways that can actually make a difference in the well-being of our world.

**ALMSGIVING**—Lent 4.2 offers suggestions for making small but significant lifestyle changes that express care for creation and concern for the common good. It offers you opportunities for getting involved and making a difference.

**CONVERSION**—The ultimate goal of Lent is "metanoia"—a conversion of heart—leading the Christian community into a deeper baptismal commitment to walk in the footsteps of Jesus by living in harmony with God, creation, and the entire human family.

*"As individuals, as institutions, as a people we need a change of heart to preserve and protect the planet for our children and for generations yet unborn."*

—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Renewing the Earth*



**Earth is our home. It is holy ground.**

From the beginning, God declared it very good.

Today there is a growing awareness that God's creation is being damaged and its resources are not fairly shared.

*"God destined the earth and all it contains for all people and all nations so that all created things would be shared fairly by all humankind under the guidance of justice tempered by charity."*

—Second Vatican Council, *The Church in the Modern World*

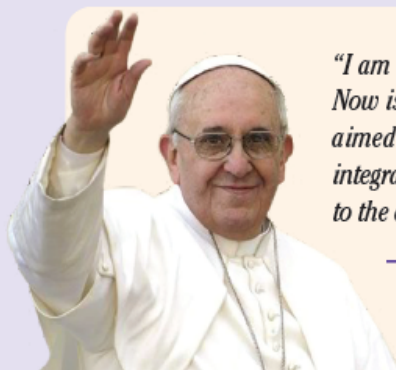
## Lent 4.2

is a seven-week faith formation program of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to heed the call of Pope Francis to care for our common home.

### Protecting God's Creation • Embracing Gospel Justice Nurturing Christian Simplicity

Each week you will learn about the significant issues facing our human family, what the church is saying about them, and how you can take practical steps to make a difference in our world.

*Caring for creation and living more simply are an essential part of faith for those who follow in the footsteps of Jesus today.*



*"I am convinced that we can make a difference. . . . Now is the time for courageous actions and strategies, aimed at implementing a 'culture of care' and 'an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature.'"*

—Pope Francis

Address to US Congress, Sept. 24, 2015,  
citing his encyclical *Laudato Si*

## How Much Are We Using?

Humans are using more resources than Earth can provide. We are in global ecological overshoot. According to the Global Footprint 2015 report, the amount of acreage it takes to support the average lifestyle varies greatly from country to country.

Congo – 2.5	China – 6.2	Brazil – 7.0	Peru – 5.1
Germany – 10.8	India – 2.2	France – 10.3	Egypt – 4.3
Thailand – 4.7	Haiti – 1.3	Israel – 11.7	Vietnam – 3.4
Mexico – 5.9	Japan – 9.4	Canada – 16.2	United States – 17.2

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## Our Common Home



One of the major causes of injustice in our world and damage to God's creation is the pattern of human consumption.

If the productive land and sea of Earth were divided equally among the over 7 billion of us living on the planet, each person would be entitled to 4.2 acres. From that 4.2 acres we would have to find everything needed to support our life: the food we eat, the material for our home, energy to heat and cool it, water for our lawn and toilets, a place to dispose of our garbage, wood for our furniture, plastic for our kitchen utensils and children's toys, fibers for our clothes, metals to manufacture our appliances and cars, fuel for our transportation, as well as everything else we use and purchase. 4.2 acres would be each person's fair share of Earth, our common home.

Through a measuring tool called Global Footprint, we can determine how much acreage is used by an individual, an industry, or a country. According to a 2015 report ([www.footprintnetwork.org](http://www.footprintnetwork.org)), the amount of area it takes to support the average personal lifestyle varies greatly from country to country.

In the United States, the average person's lifestyle requires 17.2 acres—not only for personal consumption, but also because of the available infrastructure, food choices, travel options, medical advantages, and daily conveniences. A typical Canadian uses 16.2 acres. If a fair share is 4.2 acres, it means others must do with less so that we in affluent nations can maintain our style of living. This disparity gives new meaning to the biblical admonition: "Thou shalt not steal."

If everyone consumed at the current US and Canadian levels, it would require several more planets. But there is only one.

In *Laudato Si*, his encyclical on caring for creation, Pope Francis calls for an "integral ecology," which includes both people and the planet. A spirit of solidarity with Earth and concern for the entire human family motivate us, he says, "to care for our common home."

How can we protect Earth and assure that all people have what they need for a full life? The pope encourages us to "develop a different lifestyle and bring about significant changes in society."

Do more than give up chocolates.  
This Lent, practice simplicity.



## Christian Simplicity

Anyone following in the footsteps of Jesus today cannot ignore the excessive consumption habits of our country. How can we share our planet in a way that enables every person to live with dignity?

Simplicity has been a foundational Christian virtue from the beginning. Jesus suggests that too many possessions—or too much attachment to possessions—can distract us from the reign of God (Luke 6:20-25). He cautions against becoming slaves to our belongings (Luke 16:13-15). Accumulating too many things can result in anxiety (Matt 6:26-34).

The biblical warnings about overconsumption are not legalistic threats, but guidelines to freedom and spiritual fulfillment (Matt 19:21-23). Choosing simplicity can help us reorient our hearts and find a treasure that will never perish (Matt 6:20).

Simplicity means setting limits that reflect the values of our faith by not being excessive or wasteful in using God's creation. Pope Francis challenges us to transform the way we understand and relate to Earth. He

speaks about cultivating a "simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess." It is a call to conversion. The way we consume must

change, insists the pope, so we can respond to "both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor."

Inspired by Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si*, the Lent 4.2 program helps you become better informed on the issues of consumption and learn to live more simply. Each weekly handout offers practical steps you can take to make a difference in the world and protect God's creation for generations to come. Lent is a great time to start.

*"The idea of infinite or unlimited growth . . . is based on the lie that there is an infinite supply of the earth's goods, and this leads to the planet being squeezed dry beyond every limit."*

—Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*



**Simplicity** is a value among Christians who want to live differently than the standards set by a consumer culture. This means taking only what you need—not wasting or taking in excess. It leads to a life that is outwardly modest, inwardly rich, and socially just.

This Lent, consider the challenge Pope Francis puts before us. Be part of the Christian simplicity movement. Learn what personal habits harm God's creation. Try setting limits to your consumption. Examine your purchasing patterns. With each dollar you can make choices that are socially and environmentally responsible.

Each week of Lent you will receive a handout like this that highlights an area of consumption. They offer practical suggestions for embracing Pope Francis's call "to grow in solidarity, responsibility and compassionate care."

Moving the average American lifestyle from 17.2 acres to 4.2 acres will not be easy. No one can change everything at once. Don't take on more than you can handle, but each week you can do something to abstain from thoughtlessly consuming or taking too much. It's about a shift in consciousness.

Sure, they are small steps. But small steps can build momentum for widespread change.

### Action Steps

#### Small Steps

- ☐ Replace incandescent light bulbs with energy-efficient LED bulbs. They emit the same amount of light, but use at least 75 percent less energy and last 25 times longer.
- ☐ Abandon the throwaway mentality. Use glass cups, cloth napkins, reusable shopping bags, and rags for cleaning. Avoid wasteful disposables that end up in garbage dumps.
- ☐ Use a refillable mug. Getting your daily coffee or tea in disposable cups generates about 22 pounds of waste per year.



#### If There's Only One Thing You Can Do . . .

##### Give Up Plastic and Paper Bags—Opt for Reusable Bags

As a sign of repentance, Old Testament prophets would wear sackcloth and ashes. On Ash Wednesday, receive ashes. But instead of wearing sackcloth, get in the habit of carrying reusable (sack) cloth bags when you go shopping. Twelve million barrels of oil are used to make over 100 billion plastic bags for the United States each year. No wasteful plastic or paper bags this Lent . . . and beyond.



#### Inner Simplicity

- ☐ Abstain from overscheduling your life. Do this by planning ahead to eliminate unnecessary actions.
- ☐ Reduce exposure to advertising. Notice how advertisements bombard you, stirring up the desire to buy.
- ☐ Get away. Consciously connect with God's natural world at least once during the week.
- ☐ Give your time by working in a soup kitchen, caring for the homeless, or volunteering at an organization to help those in need.

#### Outer Simplicity

- ☐ Cut back on personal consumption. Adopt a less-is-more attitude throughout Lent. Ask yourself: Do I need it? When a desire for something arises, wait a couple days to make sure it's not an impulse buy.
- ☐ When you need to purchase, consider shopping for used items. So much can be found at local thrift stores, Craigslist, the Freecycle Network, or used products on Amazon or eBay.
- ☐ Notice when you toss something away. Where is away? It's going somewhere on the planet. This Lent reduce consumption; reuse whatever you can; and learn to recycle. Otherwise it goes into a landfill.

### Prayer



*Blessed Creator,  
you have breathed your Spirit  
upon this land and entrusted to  
us a responsibility to care for it.  
Teach us to always use the things of  
this Earth with care, not negligence,  
with gratitude, not arrogance,  
with simplicity, not excess.  
Guide us in the ways of  
Christian simplicity.  
Amen.*

### Steps Continued

1. Prayerfully read Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*. It offers a great Lenten reflection. The US Catholic bishops have produced a helpful study guide.
2. Watch *Journey of the Universe*, an Emmy award-winning documentary available on DVD. Learn about the only planet on which you will live. Why is caring for creation important?
3. Read Duane Elgin's essay "Choosing a New Lifeway, Voluntary Simplicity."
4. Studies consistently conclude there is no connection between happiness and material possessions. Watch "The High Price of Materialism," an online video by the Center for a New American Dream.

All this and more available online at [lent42.org](http://lent42.org).



# Keeping You In Our Prayers....



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### **Weekly Collection:** **Sunday, February 19th, 2017**

*Sunday Collection: \$12,614.*  
*Faith Direct: \$3,823.*  
*Children's Jug: \$49.*  
***Total Collection: \$16,486.***

***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 March 4th & 5th, 2017*

Saturday, March 4, 2017 5:00 PM MASS	Sunday, March 5, 2017 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, March 5, 2017 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, March 5, 2017 12:00 NOON MASS
Father Tom Haggerty	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Patrick Osei-Poku
Deacon John	Deacon Ron	Deacon John	Deacon Ron

## *EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE –FOR March 4th & 5th, 2017*

Saturday, March 4,, 2017	Sunday, March 5, 2017	Sunday, March 5, 2017	Sunday, March 5, 2017
5:00 PM MASS	8:00 AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
G. Alfano	D. Coppola	W. Rodriguez	T. Boboris
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J. Duffy	M. Peykar	R. Bleggi	G. Iannuccilli
A. Dunn	J. Primavera	G. Amen	P. Iannuccilli

## *ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE -FOR March 4th & 5th, 2017*

Saturday, March 4, 2017	Sunday, March 5, 2017	Sunday, March 5, 2017	Sunday, March 5, 2017
5:00PM MASS	8:00AM MASS	10:00 AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
** Schedule unavailable at bulletin submission date**			

## *LECTOR SCHEDULE -FOR March 4h, & 5th 2017*

Saturday, March 4, 2017	Sunday, March 5, 2017	Sunday, March 5, 2017	Sunday, March 5, 2017
5:00 PM MASS	8:00 AM MASS	10:00AM MASS	12:00 NOON MASS
M. Dreschler	A. Mantia	P. Geier	A. Dinnegan
8th Grade Lector	M. Sehne	D. Quadrino	K. Smith

# Religious Education News Week of February 26, 2017

This is the last week of classes for Our Confirmation II Candidates (8th grade)  
Confirmation Day at SSPJ is Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 11am and 3pm



Communion II Catechist Workshop  
Tuesday, February 28th, 2017  
7:00pm in the SSPJ Room  
Or  
Thursday March 2, 2017  
At 10:00am in the SSPJ Room

Grade 5 & 6  
Catechist Workshop

Monday, February 27, 2017  
7:00pm in the SSPJ Room



## Kolmel's Communion Article Sale

Friday March 3, 2017

12:15pm-3:00pm

In the SSPJ Room



## SSPJ School News

*Sts. Philip and James School*

*Springtime Open House*

*Pre-K – Grade 8*

*Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>*

*9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.*



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The 7th grade has been busy these past few months. They have found their newly acquired chrome books to be very helpful during social studies class and are presently preparing their Buncee presentations on various topics in American history.

During Catholic Schools Week, they engaged in several activities with their pre-K buddies, including helping them make crosses for their special person luncheon and participating in a school wide Bingo game.

On February 8, they, along with the 6th and 8th grade classes, began attending Eucharistic Adoration and will continue this prayerful meditation through the end of the school year. Also, they recently submitted their Respect Life essays for the Catholic Daughters contest. In preparation for 8th grade Confirmation, the students have completed at least 10 hours of service to school and community.

Upcoming events in the spring will include the 7th grade annual trip to NYC.





# Broadway Comes to SSPJ!



*The members of Court Anna Theresa #1074 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas wish to thank the parishioners of Sts. Philip and James for their support of our event, "Broadway in St. James." It was truly a night of Delightful Music, featuring our own Joseph Smaldino, and his friends Gina Morgigno, Samantha Free and Anthony Arpino.*

*Thank you again. Your continued support of all our endeavors is greatly appreciated.*



# SSPJ School Events

Sts. Philip and James

## Western Night is Comin' Around Again!!!

Saturday March 25th 6-10pm

Sts. Philip and James School



Please join us for an evening packed with fun activities.

Caller Chart Guthrie and Band are returning But

this year we have TWO BULLS  
and many other fun carnival games!

Chili, Mac and cheese, chicken fingers  
and  
Cotton Candy for dessert!!

Come out and be a kid or BRING the kids  
\$25 adults and \$10 kids

Tickets are available via mail to SSPJ school or school lobby



Total Amount Enclosed:

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Sts. Philip and James

## *Dine Around*

Monday, April 3rd

SSPJ Auditorium

7:00 pm

\$35.00 per person

ADULTS ONLY

*This is an event you won't  
want to miss!!!  
Come dine with friends and enjoy a sampling of what  
our local restaurants have to offer.*

Ticket Sales

Total

☐ Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats at \$35/each: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets are available via mail, at the rectory or the school lobby.

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## Getting Ready for Next Sunday

March 5th - First Sunday of Lent — 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](http://www.usccb.org) . Click on the date.

### Reflections on Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

*Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7      Psalm 51*  
*Romans 5:12-19          Matthew 4:1-11*

Advertisers would have us believe that life is to be lived without limitations or restraint. After all, we only go around once! Today's readings discuss life and death, the reality of coping with limitations. They powerfully urge that a life without limits is not a genuine life.

The author of the Garden of Eden account shows us that limitation is a fact of life, indeed the condition for living. To live to the fullest means to exercise freedom by accepting restraints. To be fully alive means to opt for good in the face of evil. The dilemma of the couple in the garden (and of every human) is to accept full life by acknowledging the limits necessary to our authentic existence.

In his Letter to the Romans, Paul comments on the garden story against the background of the life and death of Jesus. Paul understands sin as the tremendous power unleashed upon the world from the time of the first sin. Death for Paul is deprivation of community with God, making authentic living impossible. Life is intimacy with God and the fullness of existence. Jesus accepted the limitations of death on a cross and so humankind has the opportunity to be fully alive.

The gospel presents Satan's three temptations of Jesus. The Messiah will not accept the popular notion that he should be a temporal, political ruler. He realizes full well that God's plan for the kingdom involves limitations. The kingdom will be realized through a different form of power.

Temptations abound in our living. We are urged to reject limitations in the matter of our neighbor's spouse or reputation or money. We are tempted to exceed the limits of justice in accepting racism and prejudice. The authors of today's Scriptures tell us to make resisting temptation the raw material for genuine existence. They tell us: Promote life, accept limits.

- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.  
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### For reflection...

*Jesus was tempted to deny his divine mission. We also experience temptations to deny our call to follow Jesus. How does the way Jesus fought temptation affect how you fight temptation?*

*What part did the Spirit play in this gospel story? What part will you let the Spirit play in your Lent this year?*

*In what ways have you been tempted lately? How have you responded?*

*Do you think it would have been a better world if humans did not have the freedom to choose? What kinds of responsibility does the gift of free will bring?*

*In their sin Adam and Eve wanted to cover their bodies so they would not be seen as they really were. Is it easy to be honest about faults? What is the next step when you are honest about faults?*

*Are you looking forward to Lent? Why or why not?*

***Opt for Good in the face of Evil...***



## Of Winners and Losers

Our society tends to divide us up into winners and losers. Sadly, we don't often reflect on how this affects our relationships with each other, nor on what it means for us as Christians.

What does it mean? In essence, that our relationships with each other tend to be charged with competition and jealousy because we are too infected with the drive to out-do, out-achieve, and out-hustle each other. For example, here are some of slogans that pass for wisdom today: *Win! Be the best at something! Show others you're more talented than they are! Show that you are more sophisticated than others! Don't apologize for putting yourself first! Don't be a loser!*

These phrases aren't just innocence axioms cheerleading us to work harder; they're viruses infecting us so that most everything in our world now conspires with the narcissism within us to push us to achieve, to set ourselves apart from others, to stand out, to be at the top of the class, to be the best athlete, the best dressed, the best looking, the most musically talented, the most popular, the most experienced, the most travelled, the one who knows most about cars, or movies, or history, or sex, or whatever. At all costs we drive ourselves to find something at which we can beat others. At all costs we try to somehow set ourselves apart from and above others. That idea is almost genetically engrained in us now.

And because of that we tend to misjudge others and misjudge our own meaning and purpose. We structure everything too much around achieving and standing out. When we achieve, when we win, when we are better than others at something, our lives seem fuller; our self-image inflates and we feel confident and worthwhile. Conversely, when we cannot stand out, when we're just another face in the crowd, we struggle to maintain a healthy self-image.

Either way, we are forever struggling with jealousy and dissatisfaction because we cannot help constantly seeing our own lack of talent, beauty, and achievement in relationship to other's successes. And so we both envy and hate those who are talented, beautiful, powerful, rich, and famous, holding them up for adulation even as we secretly wait for their downfall, like the crowd that praises Jesus on Palm Sunday and then screams for his crucifixion just five days later.

This leaves us in an unhappy place: How do we form community with each other when our very talents and achievement are cause for jealousy and resentment, when they're sources of envy and weapons of competition? How do we love each other when our competitive spirits make us see each other as rivals?

Community can only happen when we can let the talents and achievements of others enhance our own lives and we can let our own talents and achievements enhance, rather than threaten, others. But we're generally incapable of this. We're too infected with competitiveness to allow ourselves to not let the achievements and talents of others threaten us and actualize our own talents in a way so as to enhance the lives of others rather than to let ourselves stand out.

Like our culture, we too tend to divide people into winners and losers, admiring and hating the former, looking down on the latter, constantly sizing each other up, rating each other's bodies, hair, intelligence, clothing, talents and achievements. But, as we do this, we vacillate between feeling depressed and belittled when others outscore us or inflated and pompous when we appear superior to them.

And this becomes ever more difficult to overcome as we become more obsessed with our need to stand out, be special, to sit above, to make a mark for ourselves. We live in a chronic, inchoate jealousy where the talents of others are perennially perceived as a threat to us. This keeps us both anxious and less than faithful to our Christian faith.

Our Christian faith invites us not to compare ourselves with others, to not make efforts to stand out, and to not let ourselves be threatened by and jealous of other's gifts. Our faith invites us to join a circle of life with those who believe that there is no need to stand out or be special, and who believe that other people's gifts are not a threat, but rather something which enriches all lives, our own included.

When we divide people into winners and losers then our talents and gifts become sources of envy and weapons of competition and superiority. This is true not just for individuals but for nations as well.

One of these competitive slogans within our culture tells us: *Show me a good loser and I will show you a loser!* Well, seen in this light, Jesus was a loser. People were shaking their heads at his death, and there was no championship ring on his finger. He didn't look good in the world's eyes. A loser! But, in his underachieving we all achieved salvation. Somewhere there's a lesson there!

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*Let your guard down and let Jesus in...*

## Community News

**Wednesday, March 1, 2017**

**10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Retreat Center**

### **ASH WEDNESDAY – THE LANGUAGE OF LENT**

Language learning requires humility and surrender. The security of previously held definitions is gone. We can presume nothing. We know that we do not know; it demands too much energy to pretend. Opposites randomly collide: right and wrong, good and bad, fear and trust, threat and promise, life and death. In its midst is Jesus – dying and living into a Promising God. Jesus waits to communicate with us in this new language. Dare we stammer and stutter?

**Presenter: Fr. Larry Lewis, M.M.**

**Offering: \$50 – Lunch included \$15 deposit required to hold your reservation**



**Retreat Center**

**Saturday, March 4, 2017**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the Maude Adams House, 9:30 a.m. arrivals and refreshments**

### **MEETING GOD IN THE MIDST OF TEMPTATION**

Each temptation asks if I am going to trust God and allow Him to provide for my needs. Am I going to turn to something else that in itself is empty, and expect it to fill me? Each temptation is an intimate place where we can meet God alone and through His mercy discover and choose to accept a deeper hunger for God.

**Presenter: Joan McGovern**

**Offering: \$25 - \$10 deposit required to hold your reservation.**

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## **Sicily, Sorrento & Amalfi**

*10-Day Pilgrimage with Fr. Mickey Bancroft*  
**Saturday, September 23 - Sunday, October 1, 2017**



**All Youth – 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grades are invited to our Diocesan Youth Rally on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 3pm. Join other youth from around the diocese for a day of faith, community and fun! Our guest speaker is Paul J. Kim. Paul is a dynamic speaker and musician with a powerful message of faith, hope and love. The way he presents is a rare gift to witness and has impacted people of all ages throughout the country – moving audiences from laughter in one moment, to deep reflection and prayer in another. Paul utilizes his many talents to communicate the Gospel to young people in a way that is engaging, entertaining and inspiring. To register <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=qzhsqkiab&oeidk=a07edn99zr4a0548720>**

### **Lent 4.2 Group Discussions**

Lent 4.2 group discussions will be held at St. James RC Church, 429 25A, East Setauket in the Parish Center Rooms 101-102 at 7:30 PM on the following dates. February 27: Christian Simplicity, March 6: Food, March 13: Consumption, March 20: Water, March 27: Energy, April 3: Transportation, April 10: Gratitude and Generosity.

For more information on Lent 4.2 see also <http://www.lent42.org>



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