



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

631-584-5454

June 9th, 2024
The Tenth Sunday
In Ordinary Time



*"Who are my mother and my brothers?"
And looking around at those seated in the circle he said,
"Here are my mother and my brothers.
For whoever does the will of God
is my brother and sister and mother."*

Mark 3:33-35

*"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

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PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Open Monday, Tuesday Wednesday 9am-6pm

Open Thursday 9am-6pm

Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

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Collections: ~

Thanking you for your generosity

Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:

\$16,700

Weekly Collection: Sunday, June 2nd, 2024:

Collections from Weekend masses: \$9,889.

Mail Collections: 1,645.

Faith Direct(126Participants) WEEKLY \$3,374.04.

Total Collection: \$14,908.04

**FAITH DIRECT: VISIT SSPJ.ORG CLICK ON FAITH DIRECT ICON: USING
SSPJ PARISH CODE: NY232**

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— Monday 1:30pm -7pm

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE FOR US IN YOUR PRAYERS



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LIVE-STREAMING THE 8:00AM SUNDAY MASS

The Sunday mass at 8:am is available to view on our SSPJ Church Facebook page, while it is live at the 8am mass, it can be recalled at any time.

Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

Although “Ordinary Time” during the week began right after Pentecost, today is the first Sunday we’re back in Ordinary Time following the feasts of the Trinity and the Body and Blood of Christ. While the term “ordinary” refers to the number order (today being the 10th Sunday of Ordinary Time), it also signals entering a different phase of time – a different season. During these next months we hear again stories of Jesus’ ministry and teaching, seeking to understand and follow his invitations to be Apostles of Hope.

“Family values” is a phrase used widely but with varied interpretations. Today’s gospel seems to imply a similar situation in the time of Jesus. And the words of Jesus can seem surprising – if not shocking – to many. Fr. Dennis Hamm, SJ, reflects:

The main shock comes from Jesus' surprising response to his relatives when they come after him to seize him, apparently to bring him back to Nazareth from Capernaum, where his healing ministry has stirred up an extraordinary following among the people and a concerned scrutiny on the part of the authorities.

Informed that his mother and brothers are outside asking for him, Jesus says, “who are my mother and brothers?” And looking about at those seated in the circle he says, “here are my mother and my brothers. Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.” Understandably, many readers are shocked by this apparent slighting of Mary and the “sisters and brothers.” It seems an affront to conventional family values....

The story of Jesus reminds us that rarely is evil ever mastered by direct attack—by war, say, or inquisition or imprisonment. The roots of evil are healed by the grace of God drawing those who seek to do God's will into a community that serves one another and reaches beyond its own interests. Such people know the power of God and rightly call one another sister and brother, no matter what their natural genealogy. The “family values” of Jesus stretch us beyond the private interests of our immediate family to a much larger world.

I highlighted the last paragraph for it reminds me that clearly Jesus calls us to look beyond ourselves. We are called to serve, and through serving the grace of healing can envelop us. We are the church together.

Last Sunday’s Eucharistic Procession followed by a presentation on praying with icons offered us vivid reminders that in receiving Eucharist we are called *to become what we eat* (St. Augustine) and Icons invite us to be windows to the divine. Thank you to all who helped arrange these events and to all who were able to participate.

And finally, as summer approaches...

What did the ocean say to the beach? Nothing. It just waved.

Why aren't lobsters generous? Because they're shellfish.

What did the tree say when summer finally arrived? What a re-leaf.

What kind of sandals do frogs wear? Open-toad.

Why do bananas wear sunscreen? Because they peel.

How do celebrities stay cool in the summer? They have many fans.

Why didn't the sun go to college? It already had a million degrees.

Peace,

Father Tom

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

Mass Intentions, For the week of June 9th, 2024

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday's

1:30-7pm

In the church



We Pray for those who are ill...

Alan Piscak
Andy
Amanda Rose Cretella
Anna Capizzio
Anna Maria
Alfred Fox
Antonette Sabatino
Angie Mingione
Angela Amoroso
Arthur Gureck
Austin Rocky
Baby Ben
Baby Penny Grace
Candela
Barbara Bombace
Brian
Mattia Rose Lubrano
Barbara Sammarco
Belinda Groneman
Benito Fernandez
Betty DiSimone
Brian Carr
Bob DelCiello
Rob Remhild
Brenden Toomey
Carol
Carmela Montesano
Carolyn Nehl
Cathleen Henchey
Chase Addonisio
Christella Stewart
David Beleck
David McCue
Deirdre W.
Diane LaPorte
Donna Patrissi
Dorothy Mitchell
Ed Ceraso
Eleanor Bayley
Elizabeth Martin
Elizabeth Smith
Elspeth Bigoness
Eileen
Emily Schiaratta
Emily Souders
Flo Donohue
Gail Lumley
Gloria Montesano
Ginny & John Rief
Gregory Parker
Helen
Harold Scott
Jack Donohue
Jackie Sikorski
Jakob King
Jamie Accardi
Jean Saladino
Jenny Bonanno
Jerry
Jessie Lokai
Joelle Nicholas
Joni Deleo
John Capizzio
John Cronin
John DeStefano
John Maynes
John Mattia
Joseph

Joe Benaburger
Joseph Domizzio
Judy Rampola
Joe Dorrian
Joseph Costa
Joseph Domizzio
Kaitlyn Remhild
Kathleen Draper
Kathleen N.
Kerry
Karl Walz
Kitty Cronin
Kristin Galetta
Laura Kennedy
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Laura Bode
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Lola Santangelo
Lori Cearney
Marjorie Fox
Mary Monte
Margaret Remhild
Mark Hildreth
Mark Wagner
Mary Ryan
Marie Feicco
Maria Clark
Maria Collaro
Marie del Ciello
Maureen Litten
Mary Ann Cesarski
Mary Beth McGovern
Matthew Parrella
Mia Mednick
Michael Fisher
Mike Lofaro
Michael
Nick Lella
Patrice Henry
Patricia Acker
Pasquale Savarese
Pat McCumber
Peter Donach
Peter Portanova
Ricardo Buffit
Rob Remhild & Family
Riordan Cavooris
Rogelio Martinez
Ronnie Paciella
Rose
Ryan Duffy
Sara Jean Andersen
Stanley Stura
Stephen Dolce
Susanne Smith
Tonia Perdue
Tara Cesarski
Teresa Mattera
Tina Cafaro
Tiffany Lochan
Thomas Lifrieri
Tom Ryan
Tom Focone
Vivien & John
Cordes
Wayne Smith Sr.

Saturday June 8th Cantor: Murtha	<i>Presider: Father Jude Lector: Dreschler/Grimaldi EM: Licari/Sisti/Anderson/ Damato/Dreschler</i>	9:15am 5:00pm	Margaret Regina Benedetta Caltabiano
Sunday June 9th Cantor: Lupinacci	<i>Presider: Father Jude Lector: Halluska/Luna EM: Chilton/Czujko/Sehne M&P Tully</i>	8:00am	For the People of SSPJ Parish
Cantor Meringolo	<i>Presider: Father Tom Lector: Dobres/Koke EM: Napolitano/Suski/ Parish/Mulhall/Orlando/ Sotomayer</i>	10:00am	Mary Castiglie Anderson
Cantor: Meringolo	<u>Collective Mass</u> <i>Presider: Father Tom Lector: Geier/Suski EM: Consenz/Samson/ Stack/Settneri</i>	12:00pm	Rev. Otto Froehlich Rev. William Murphy Dorothy Coyle Andrew Wallace
Monday June 10th	Adoration 1:30-7pm In the Church	7:30am 9:15am	Joan & John Purcell Living~Peter & Virginia Portanova
Tuesday June 11th	St Barnabas	7:30am 9:15am	Living~Ryan Nacimiento -USMC Joseph Castiglie
Wednesday June 12th		7:30am 9:15am	A Holy Soul In Purgatory A Holy Soul In Purgatory
Thursday June 13th	St Anthony of Padua	7:30am 9:15am	Anthony J. Sisti <u>Collective Mass:</u> Vincenza & Nunzio Colontropo Antoinette Gallo
Friday June 14th		7:30am 9:15am	Living~Kyle Nacimiento USA John J. Davis
Saturday June 15th Cantor: LoCastro	<i>Presider: Father Tom Lector: Franco/Merlino EM: Rizzo/Mantia/Sisti/ Drechsler/Urce</i>	9:15am 5:00pm	Paul J. Czujko No Intentions
Sunday June 16th Cantor: Meringolo	<i>Presider: Father Tom Lector: Dervan/Marino EM: Koke/Portanova/Ramos/ Sehne/P. Tully</i>	8:00am	For the People of SSPJ Parish
Cantor: Lohmann	<i>Presider: Father Jude Lector: DeRosa/Doran EM: Calderone/Luna/ McKie/Mulhall/Orlando/ Kaleita</i>	10:00am	Father's Day Novena
Cantor: Lupinacci	<u>Collective Mass</u> <i>Presider: Father Jude Lector: Kenton/Rubano EM: Napolitano/Bleggi/ Margaret/Rubano</i>	12:00pm	Father's Day Novena

**This weekend,
June 8th and 9th, 2024:
SECOND COLLECTION TO HELP
DEFRAY THE COST OF AIR CONDITIONING**

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



Join Bishop Andrzej

For Scripture Reflection Series
on St. THOMAS the APOSTLE - Part III

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.



Bible Study Verse

APOSTLE THOMAS

Touching the Wounded God

Gospel of John 20. 19-31

Encountering the Risen One

Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM link to each session.

Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email address and phone number.

Send your email to:

westernvicariate@drvc.org

or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.



Music Ministry

Are we doing God's will for us? Our weekend focus, with our Presentation hymn, The Summons, God calls us to follow him.

Will we?

Holy Spirit come to us and help us as we figure out God's will for us.

So let us build a city of God. May our tears turn into dancing. For the Lord, our light and our love has turned the night into day, our Communion hymn.

**HIS WORDS.
YOUR JOURNEY.
TOGETHER.**



MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024

"Just as we know how to distinguish one language from another, we can also distinguish the voice of God from the voice of the evil one. The voice of God never forces us: God proposes himself, He does not impose himself. Instead, the evil voice seduces, assails, forces: it arouses dazzling illusions, emotions that are tempting but transient. At first it flatters, it makes us believe that we are all-powerful, but then it leaves us empty inside and accuses us: "You are worth nothing". The voice of God, instead, corrects us, with great patience, but always encourages us, consoles us: it always nourishes hope."

God's Abundant Blessings Upon Our Newly Baptized ~ WELCOME TO THE SSPJ PARISH FAMILY!



June 2nd, 2024
The Zanfarfino Family



Welcome~ June 2nd, 2024
To The Hawkins Family



~ June 2nd, 2024
The Zinevich Family



Welcome ~ May 19th, 2024

Left to right top:
**Charlotte Lynne Ewing,
Guiliana Rose Mikrut
Charli Lombardi Cosh**

Bottom Left and Right
**Grayson Patricia Ritto
Isabella Katarina Fassler**

**God's love, grace and faith to all
our newly baptized and their
families.
May your faith grow with you
each day!**



THE GIFT OF JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI~ JUNE 2ND, 2024





Dear Parishioners and Friends,

After 11 years as our beloved Pastor and friend it has come time to say goodbye and wish Father Tom well as he embarks on a new chapter in his life: RETIREMENT!

Father Tom has faithfully served God's people and the Diocese of Rockville Centre for the past 46 years.

You are cordially invited to join us in celebrating his years of devotion, guidance, and inspiration on Saturday, June 22nd at the 5 pm. Mass followed by a retirement reception in his honor.

Your presence will truly make this occasion memorable as we express our gratitude and best wishes for the future.

Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024

Time: 5 pm. Mass followed by Reception (light dinner/dessert)

Location: SSPJ Auditorium 6-9 pm.

RSVP: please email vportanova@sspj.org or call (631) 584-5454 X 202

Confirm number of people attending.

You may also complete and return in the collection basket:

Name _____ # attending _____

Here is a Sign
For You



And Our Lives Must Be A Sign
That God Continues To
Gently Embrace His Children

Sister T's Reflection for Us All This Week and Always...

Dear Friends,

Well, most of the Celebration are over and we are now in 'Ordinary' time. Although the Church celebrates ordinary time, I am not sure that in our lives we can experience more than ordinary times. Hopefully with the coming of the summer months we will be able to take time for ourselves and those we love.

I remember reading in the book *Song of the Seed* by Macrina Wiederkehr that creating space is very important in our lives. Just like in typing, if we didn't have spaces, we wouldn't be able to understand the words. For example, **NOWHERE, without a space, can mean **NO WHERE** or **NOW HERE**. Spacing makes all the difference. It is important to create space for God and our spiritual life.**

With all that is occurring in our world, some could almost proclaim that God is **NO WHERE to be found amidst all the sickness, violence, and injustice that is happening. What can we do to change that into God is **NOW HERE**? Well, I believe that we need to make some time and space for God to enter into our own hearts, asking God to send down the fire of His love, the Spirit.**

We need to *STOP* and listen to the sound of God's challenge for each and every one of us. For each of us the challenge may be different, but one thing we all have in common is the belief that God is with us and the plans He has for us are plans for the good. Again, this may be hard to see, but we need to *stop and listen*.

Have you taken the time to thank God for the good in your life, for the small blessings, and for the courage to continue on each day not knowing what can happen next? Have you taken the time to look at who you are as a person and see how you can develop more fully into the person God created you to be? Have you made space for Him and blessed all that has been given to you?

Granted, God's timing and ours don't always coincide but remember that making space changes **NO WHERE to **NOW HERE**. Think about it and watch your spacing -- it makes all the difference.**

**Till next week,
Sister Theresita**



WAY TO GO SSPJ SCHOOL STUDENTS! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOUR HELPING HANDS AND ALL OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

Members of the SSPJ Apostle of Hope chapter of the National Junior Honor Society are participating in the Catholic Health Food Bag Project.

This project is intended to help provide food for children facing food insecurity during the summer months.

Donated items will be given to the SSPJ Parish Outreach along with neighboring parishes in need.



SSPJ 6th grade students took our school community on a trip around the world!

Students learned about different cultures from Iceland to Thailand.

The more we learn about our world, the more we realize how connected we truly are.

God bless our world and SSPJ School!



SCAN ME!

REGISTRATION FOR OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
PROGRAM FOR THE 2024/25 SEASON
WILL BEGIN ON JUNE 9, 2024

THIS YEAR, FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, ALL GRADE LEVEL REGISTRATIONS, AS WELL AS PAYMENTS, WILL BE COMPLETED / SUBMITTED ON-LINE.

Upon completion of the registration forms please click the "New" or "Renew" registration tab to submit payment via **Faith Direct**. While on-line registration is open 24/7, please direct any inquiries to the Religious Ed office during business hours.

Please note that our First Communion program is a two-year program...all first graders should register as soon as possible. First and Second Grade will continue to be taught on-site. All other grade levels will continue via Google Classroom.

Upon receipt of all completed forms and payment you will be notified of your child's(ren) placement in a class (grades 1 & 2) or access to google classroom.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Please direct any concerns to the parish office, we will be happy to assist you.

We look forward to guiding your child(ren) in developing a relationship with Jesus and understanding of our faith. Wishing you all a fun-filled summer!

**THE CARNIVAL IS COMING TO TOWN THIS THURSDAY!!!
COME ONE COME ALL AND HAVE A BALL!**

**STS. PHILIP AND JAMES SCHOOL WELCOMES BACK OUR
FAMILY FESTIVAL**

JUNE 13TH



**THRU
JUNE 16TH**

Please consider one of our Family Festival sponsorship opportunities.

FESTIVAL SPONSOR

As a Festival Sponsor, your name will appear in the SSPJ Bulletin and will be prominently displayed at the Festival. Festival Sponsors will also receive 10 Pay-One-Price tickets.

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As a Ride Sponsor, your name will appear in the SSPJ bulletin and will be displayed in front of one ride at the Festival. Ride Sponsors will receive 5 Pay-One-Price tickets.

FAMILY FESTIVAL SUPPORTER

As a Family Festival Supporter, your name will appear in the SSPJ bulletin and will be displayed on signage at the Festival, along with our other supporters. Family Festival supporters will receive 2 Pay-One-Price tickets.

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_____ Ride Sponsor:	\$500	
_____ Family Festival Sponsor:	\$250	

Name: _____ email: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

Please list our donation as follows: _____

Please return no later than May 17, 2024. Contact Jennine Cullen: jenninecullen@me.com
with any questions.

SO PROUD OF OUR SSPJ SCHOOL MAY APOSTLES OF HOPE!

Apostles of Hope May 2024

Nursery

Wesley Kolodzinski is an Apostle of Hope. Wesley comes in with a sweet side smile and is ready to start the day! He enjoys going to Mass with his buddy where he is always a good listener. Wesley loves to participate during circle time and spend time with his friends. He is always caring and helpful in our classroom!

Pre-Kindergarten

Niccolo Mormile is an Apostle of Hope. Nicky comes to school everyday ready to learn! He enjoys singing songs and playing with friends. He often will find the child sitting alone during recess and invite them to join in the game being played. He says his prayers with grace and pride. Nicky enjoys watching beginner bible stories and discussing what he learned.

Kindergarten

Charlotte Spatafora is an Apostle of Hope. In school, Charlotte is an active participant during religion lessons and says her prayers loud and proud! She is very kind to her friends and always offers a helping hand! She always puts others before herself, just as Jesus did. Charlotte attends Mass with her Mom, Dad, and little sister. She loves to be an example to her younger sister! Charlotte continues to grow in her faith and it is showing! She knows she can do anything as long as she has her faith.

Grade 2

James Cortazar is an Apostle of Hope. This past year James was able to experience 3 special sacraments (Baptism, Reconciliation and Communion). James prepared for each of these sacraments with excitement. He has worked hard to show he is a follower of Jesus. James listens intently during Mass, setting a good example to those around him. He actively participates in religion lessons and is always willing to help a friend. It has been such a special year for James!

Grade 3

James Waldmann is an Apostle of Hope. James is a compassionate boy and a good friend to his classmates. He looks out for others and is always willing to offer a helping hand. Recently, James saw that a classmate was upset about something and he offered a solution that made him feel better. James is part of our Elementary Art Club and our school band, where he is able to express his artistic and musical talents that God gave him. He is reverent during prayers and our weekly Masses with fourth grade. James is a disciple of Jesus.

Grade 4

Sergiana DeBerry is an Apostle of Hope. Sergiana completed altar serving training this year and she actively participates in serving weekly Masses. She is a kind hearted student who cares for others and is always willing to lend a helping hand. Sergiana takes her studies seriously and she strives to do her very best. She is an excellent role model and example for others.



Grade 5

Sabella Johnson is an Apostle of Hope. Sabella actively participates in our weekly grade level Mass. She is always reverent during morning and afternoon prayers. She enjoys participating during religion class and is kind to her classmates and teachers. Sabella always works hard and gives her best effort. Outside of school, Sabella participates in a number of service projects to help others in her community. Sabella is doing an outstanding job answering her call to be an Apostle of Hope.

Grade 6

Rocco Tomasino is an Apostle of Hope. Rocco consistently gives his best effort in school, especially in Religion class. Rocco can always be counted on to help his classmates and teachers. He is a patient and caring big buddy to his Nursery buddy. Rocco sets a strong example of how to live as a follower of Jesus.

Grade 7

Matilda Dias is an apostle of Hope. All year Matilda has been helping her peers and standing up for others. She's a leader in and out of the classroom. Matilda is an altar server, a member of the crochet club where she helped make a blanket for the Prayer Shawl Community, she is a member of the CMSAA Volleyball team and a club monitor. Although very busy, Matilda always strives to do her best and is kind to all those she comes in contact with.

Grade 8

Jude Hughes is an Apostle of Hope. Jude shows he follows Jesus' teachings through his actions daily. Jude is an altar server and attends Mass with his family. Jude is kind and respectful to all the staff and students here at SSPJ. He is an excellent example of what an Apostle of Hope looks like.

Faculty

Miss Gallelli is an Apostle of Hope. Miss Gallelli is our second grade teacher. She prepared her class with grace for their First Reconciliation as well as First Holy Communion this year. She is a calm presence to her students, exemplifying what it is to be a follower of Jesus. Miss Gallelli is a kind hearted teacher who shows kindness to all those she comes in contact with.

Ms. Merola is an Apostle of Hope. Ms. Merola is our third grade teacher. She has demonstrated to her students the importance of character through patience, kindness, hard work, perseverance and faith. She tends to students in after care twice a week and she took on the co-responsibility of being our faculty/staff sunshine representative, helping to create community among coworkers. Ms. Merola is a true disciple of Jesus.

NURSERY-8TH GRADE



ST. JAMES, NEW YORK



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- SSPJ's primary commitment is to integrate the Gospel message with the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development of students, enabling them to become the leaders of tomorrow.
- SSPJ cultivates a robustly Catholic culture centered on the spiritual, intellectual, sacramental, and liturgical life of the Church.
- SSPJ provides a safe and supportive community that recognizes the dignity of every person and promotes human flourishing in a familial atmosphere.



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A place where students learn and grow in their faith, strive to answer their call of being an Apostles of Hope, and become active members in their faith community

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MID-SUMMER GOLF CLASSIC

JULY 17, 2024

STS. PHILIP & JAMES COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN CONCERT WITH STS. PHILIP & JAMES SCHOOL PRESENT THE INAUGURAL MID-SUMMER GOLF CLASSIC

CRAB MEADOW GOLF COURSE, NORTHPORT

REGISTRATION 12:00PM-SHOTGUN START 1:30PM

BBQ LUNCH, DINNER, BEER, WINE, *RAFFLE PRIZES*

Honorees Arthur Dunn & Jack Steele



Proceeds to benefit Sts. Philip & James Knights of Columbus Charity Outreach Efforts and Sts. Philip & James School



Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-Mail: _____
 Number of Players: ___\$200.00 per person
 ___\$ 750.00 per foursome
 (Includes Driving Range, Cart, Lunch, Dinner)
 Dinner only: ___\$90 per person

SPONSORSHIPS

- Prizes @ \$2,500 (2 Available)
- Dinner @ \$2,000 (2 Available)
- Lunch @ \$1,500 (2 Available)
- Driving Range @ \$500 (2 Available)
- Tee Signs @ \$100 each
- Putting Green @ \$500 (2 Available)
- Pin Flag @ \$125 (18 Available)

Sponsor Information

Please Make Checks Out To:

Sts. Philip & James K of C Council #12839

PO Box 201 St. James, NY 11780

Credit Card & More Info: Scan QR Code



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Parish Social Ministry

We remember,

PATRICK J. KELLY

Safely home in the arms of Jesus



IT'S EASY TO MAKE CHANGES

Littering. Most people do not deliberately trash the environment, but almost everyone carelessly litters now and then. It takes a conscious effort to put refuse in its place, from cigarette butts and plastic water bottles to food packaging seen on the sides of the roads and often within several feet of waste bins.



THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

The Respect Life Committee invites you to pray the Rosary with them for all life from conception to natural death.

We pray at 8AM weekday mornings in the Prayer Room of the Church. Please join us.



Katie's Way

Collecting new and gently used baby items and delivering them to the Life Center of Long Island. These items benefit mothers, children, and expectant mothers in need. Your donations build a community that supports mothers who choose life for their unborn children under difficult circumstances. **Suggested donation items:** Diapers, wipes, bottles. Gently used baby and toddler items such as car seats, high chairs, strollers, clothing, toys, etc. New baby and toddler items, including diapers, wipes, formula, baby food, clothing, etc. **PLEASE DROP OFF AT: 56 TILLOTSON AVENUE, ST. JAMES, NY**

SPECIAL REQUEST: SUMMER CLOTHES SIZE 2T-4T BOYS AND GIRLS

Our Food Pantry Needs:

Hormel Chili with Beans
Hormel Corned Beef Hash
(Mary Kitchen brand)
Jarred Pasta Sauce



SSPJ SENIORS

The next meeting of the Seniors will be on
June 10th from 1:30 -3:30 I
n the Sts. Philip & James Room.
Please join us for an
afternoon of faith, fun, and friendship.

Helpful Phone Numbers~ YOU ARE NEVER ALONE

Dept. of Social Services: 631-854-2300
Alcoholics Anonymous 24-Hour Hotline: 631-669-1124
Al-Anon Suffolk County: 631-669-2827
Alzheimer's Disease: 631-954-2323
American Red Cross L.I.: 516-747-3500
Birthright (Pregnancy Support): 631-821-9727 or 1-800-550-4900
Brighter Tomorrow (Domestic Violence): 631-395-1800
Brookhaven Youth Counseling: 631-451-8011
Catholic Charities (Food Stamp Info): 631-789-9546
Child Advocacy Center (CAC) (Child Abuse): 631-439-0480
Children's Community: 631-585-2020, 631-476-9698
www.childrenscommunityhs.org
Domestic Violence Hotline (Vibes): 631-360-3607
Elder Abuse: 631-761-7470
Fidelis Insurance (Family Health Plus): 1-888-343-3547
Gamblers Anonymous Hotline: 1-855-222-5542
Good Shepherd Hospice: 631-376-3758
Hope House Ministries: 631-473-6030
In Home Care- Home Instead: 631-724-2273
LI Against Domestic Violence: 631-666-8833
LI Head Start: 631-732-7100
L.I. Women's Coalition (Domestic Violence): 631-666-8833
Memory Care in NY: www.memorycare.com
Mental Health Emergency: 631-952-3333
Narcotics Anonymous: 631-689-6262
Nassau/Suffolk Law: 631-232-2400
National Aging in place-L.I. Chapter: 631-383-4341
National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-784-2433
Office for the Aging: 631-853-8200
Overeaters Anonymous 631-260-6615 www.SuffolkOA.org
Rachel's Hope (Post Abortion): 888-456-4673
Response Crisis Center: (Suicide Hotline): 631-751-7500
The Retreat (Domestic Violence Hotline): 631-329-2200

WE REACHED 68% OF GOAL!

TOTALS RECEIVED AS OF

June 5th, 2024

GOAL: \$102,000

PLEDGES: **\$69,365.** PAYMENTS: **\$52,515.**



"Every family needs a father -- a father who shares in his family's joy and pain, hands down wisdom to his children and offers them firm guidance and love,"

- Pope Francis

Every day, people in our community are helped because of support from funds raised through the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Today, consider a dad like Paul. Paul saw information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal at his local parish, and he knew he had to turn to the Church for help since he had nowhere else to go. Paul had been gainfully employed for more than 10 years when he began to fall ill. Soon his medical issues made it impossible for him to keep working and he was forced to go out on disability.

After paying the co-pays on his medications, his family's rent and utilities bills, Paul had very little left to purchase food and other necessities for his family.

It was hard for him to ask for help, but with nowhere else to turn, he did. Catholic Charities found him a specialist who assessed the family's needs and directed them to appropriate resources in their community. He went to his Parish Outreach, where his family received food that allowed them to make it through the month. Paul and his family received the help they so desperately needed.

Today, Paul is back at work and the family is doing well. *"I am so thankful that I know there is somewhere I can turn, where there are people that care, people I can talk to, if I am ever in such a situation again,"* shared Paul.

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

Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish Pledge: \$

Name Down payment: \$

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/> or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

THANK YOU!

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

June 16, 2024: Ez 17:22-24 | Ps 92:2-3,13-16 |
2 Cor 5:6-10 | Mk 4:26-34

Pray: Good and gracious God, help me to sow seeds of love, hope, and trust in You and to be patient as You help them grow, bear fruit, and multiply in your Kingdom. Amen.

We plant, but God's grace makes seeds grow.

Jesus often used simple yet profound parables and stories in His teachings about the Kingdom of God. He likened the growth of tiny seeds to the patience and trust required in our spiritual journey. This message resonates with us today, reminding us that even the smallest acts of faith can lead to incredible spiritual growth...in ourselves and others.

In our daily lives, we can take comfort in the fact that the Holy Spirit, our divine Gardener, works wonders with the seeds of faith we sow. When we do our part and leave the rest to God, the Holy Spirit grows miracles around us. We must trust the supernatural work of God to take our efforts and turn them into good. Our part involves planting seeds of faith through our steady prayers, trusting in God's Holy Will through our small and large actions of obedience, and generously sharing the Gospel of Christ with others through our words and loving deeds. This is what Jesus meant by building the Kingdom of God. Just as one cannot stand in front of a flower garden and notice it growing moment-by-moment from the seeds we plant, we know that if we keep watering and weeding, God will provide everything else and, in good time (God's perfect timing), the garden of our lives will blossom and be beautiful.

Through our Baptism, we are not just followers but active participants in building up the Kingdom of God.



This involves sharing the Gospel and our faith in Jesus daily. The seeds we plant are often little things like

mentioning prayer and thankfulness to God when speaking with family and friends. It might be the little acts of kindness we show others when they need help or a lift. Our joy and hope in Christ are seen in our steadfast commitment to attending Mass and living a sacramental life even when life becomes busy and challenging. These seemingly small actions are the seeds that, with the grace of God and guidance of the Holy Spirit, can grow into a flourishing Kingdom of God in our lives and communities.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † How are you planting seeds of faith in your family, community of friends and acquaintances, and the larger world? How are you tending to the seeds of faith you are planting in others?
- † Who planted and tended to the seeds of faith in you, and was patience needed for you to grow?
- † As weeds can crowd out a garden and stunt growth, what must we work to weed out of our lives and society to help the Kingdom of God grow in holiness?
- † How does trusting in the potential of God's grace to grow the seeds of faith we plant help us in ministry?

WE ARE BETTER AND WORSE THAN WE THINK

Our own complexity can be befuddling. We are better than we think and worse than we imagine, too hard and too easy on ourselves all at the same time. We are a curious mix.

On the one hand, we are good. All of us are made in the image and likeness of God and are, as Aristotle and Aquinas affirm, *metaphysically good*. That's true, but our goodness is also less abstract. We are good too, at least most of the time, in our everyday lives.

Generally, we are generous, often to a fault. Despite appearances sometimes, mostly we are warm and hospitable. The same is true in terms of the basic intent in both our minds and our hearts. We have big hearts. Inside everyone, easily triggered by the slightest touch of love or affirmation, lies a big heart, a grand soul, a *magna anima*, that's itching to be altruistic. Mostly the problem isn't with our goodness, but with our frustration in trying to live that out in the world. Too often we appear cold and self-centered when we're only frustrated, hurt, and wounded.

We don't always appear to be good, but mostly we are; though often we are frustrated because we cannot (for reasons of circumstance, wound, and sensitivity) pour out our goodness as we would like, nor embrace the world and those around us with the warmth that's in us. We go through life looking for a warm place to show who we are and often don't find it. We're not so much bad as frustrated. We're more loving than we imagine.

But that's half of it, there's another side: we're also sinners, more so than we think. An old Protestant dictum about human nature, based on St. Paul, puts it accurately: "It's not a question of are you a sinner? It's only a question of what is your sin?" We're all sinners, and just as we possess a big heart and a grand soul, we also possess a petty one (a *pusilla anima*). At the very roots of our instinctual make-up, there's selfishness, jealousy, and pettiness of heart and mind.

Moreover, we are often blind to our real faults. As Jesus says, we easily see the speck on our neighbor's eye and miss the plank in our own. And that generally makes for a strange irony, that is, where we think we are sinners is usually not the place where others struggle the most with us or where our real faults lie. Conversely, it's in those areas where we think we are virtuous and righteous that often our real sin lies and where others struggle with us.

For example, we've have forever put a lot of emphasis on the sixth commandment and haven't been nearly as self-scrutinizing in regard to the fifth commandment (which deals with bitterness, judgments, anger, and hatred) or with the ninth and tenth commandments (that have to do with jealousy). It's not that sexual ethics are unimportant, but our failures here are harder to rationalize. The same isn't true for bitterness, anger, especially righteous anger, nor for jealousy. We can more easily rationalize these and not notice that jealousy is the only sin for which God felt it necessary to write two commandments. We are worse than we imagine and mostly blind to our real faults.

So where does that leave us? In better and worse shape than we think. If we could recognize that we're more lovely than we imagine and more sinful than we suppose, that could be helpful both for our self-understanding and for how we understand God's love and grace in our lives.

Aristotle says, "two contraries cannot co-exist within the same subject". He's right metaphysically, but two contraries can (and do) exist inside of us morally. We're both good and bad, generous and selfish, big-hearted and petty, gracious and bitter, forgiving and resentful, hospitable and cold, full of grace and full of sin, all at the same time. Moreover, we're generally too blind to both, too unaware of our loveliness as well as of our nastiness.

To recognize this can be humbling and freeing. We are *loved sinners*. Both goodness and sin make up our identity. Not to recognize this truth leaves us either unhealthily depressed or dangerously inflated, too hard or too easy on ourselves. The truth will set us free, and the truth about ourselves is that we're both better and worse than we picture ourselves to be.

Robert Funk once formulated three dictums on grace which speak to this. He writes:

**Grace always wounds from behind, at the point where we think we are least vulnerable.*

**Grace is harder than we think: we moralize judgment in order to take the edge off it.*

**Grace is more indulgent than we think: but it is never indulgent at the point where we think it might be indulgent.*

We need to be both easier and harder on ourselves – and open to the way grace works.