



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

631-584-5454

November 3rd, 2024

Thirty first Sunday In Ordinary Time



“The Lord our God is Lord alone!
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.
The second is this:
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
There is no other commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:30

“With Philip & James we pray to live lives worthy of the call to be
Apostles of Hope”

Daily Mass: 7:30am and 9:15 am
Saturday 5pm Sunday: 8am 10 am 12noon

STS. PHILIP & JAMES PASTORAL STAFF

Parish Center Phone: 631-584-5454 Parish Fax: 631-862-9675

Website—www.sspj.org

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Open Monday, Tuesday Wednesday 9am-6pm

Open Thursday 9am-6pm

Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

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LIVE-STREAMING THE 8:00AM SUNDAY MASS

The Sunday 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.

Thanking you for your generosity

Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:

\$16,700

Weekly Collection: Sunday, October 27th, 2024:

Collections from Weekend masses: \$9,735.

Mail Collections: \$1,130.

Faith Direct(126Participants)_WEEKLY \$3,374.04

Total Collection: \$ 14,239.04

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



LCDR. MEGAN M. SHUTKA-VIK, USN
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CAPT. MICHAEL T. DOLAN- JR. -D.O, US ARMY
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Father Sean's Letter

My Dear Friends in Jesus Christ and Our Blessed Mother,

Where do we put our hope? So often, we put our hope in earthly things and lose track of heavenly things. This is particularly true when it comes to politics. I try my best to listen to people from both sides discuss their views, and it seems that people from both sides feel that if their candidate doesn't win, it will be the end of our country as we know it.

Going into Election Day, the looming dread many feel should make us pause and reflect on hope. As incredible as our country is, we can't put all our hope in political parties or candidates; ultimately, we want to put our complete trust in the Lord. From a virtue perspective, hope is not just wishing that what we want to happen will come true. I can hope to win the lottery, or a particular political candidate wins, or that it doesn't rain when I'm planning an outdoor activity. This isn't the theological virtue of hope.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, hope is "the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit" (CCC 1817). Desiring the kingdom of heaven is desiring to be in a relationship with God and be with Him forever in heaven. We place our trust in the fact that Jesus is in control and not us; therefore, whatever happens after election day, Jesus is still the King of the Universe. We want to put our complete trust in Him so we have nothing to worry about. We can hope things go how we want, but if they don't, we remain safe in the arms of our Heavenly Father, where we find comfort and peace. Let me finish with a prayer for the election.

In Christ,

Fr. Sean

*Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

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

Mass Intentions, For the week of November 3rd, 2024



**Monday's from 1:30-7pm
In the church**

**Eucharistic Adoration will
not be held on
Monday, November 11th in
observance of Veteran's Day**

Lord, I will love You with all my heart and with all my soul and with all my might! I give everything that I am to You because without You I am nothing. I love You God because You hear my voice and my supplications. You are my Father, my Best Friend and Comforter; I can always turn to You because I know that You will always be faithful to me.

We Pray for those who are ill...

All powerful God and ever living God, the lasting health of all who believe in you, hear us as we ask your loving help for the sick, restore their health, that they may again offer joyful thanks in your church.

Please contact the Office of Parish Social ministry, 631-584-5454, to include the name of a brother or sister in need of prayer

Alan Piscak, Ann Marie

Amanda Rose Critella, Amanda Cacoperdo

Benito Fernandez, Brenden Toomey

Carmela Montesano, Donna Fabrizio

David Beleck

Ed Ceraso, Edward Luna, Jessie Lokai

John V Leone, Kathleen Martin, Kerry

Larry Baldwin, Mia Mednick

Patrice Henry

Rose Bruno, Rob Remhild

Ronnie Reichert, Raymond Grayson

Stephanie Seban, Tina Cafaro

Tonia Perdue, Joan Cooper

Tim Tippet, Baby Luca,

Madeline Kelley

<i>Saturday November 2nd Cantor: McCulloh</i>	<i>Father Maurizio Lector:Dreschler/Student EM:Duffy/Sisti/Anderson/ Ruggieri/Byrne</i>	<i>9:15am 5:00pm</i>	<i>Patrick Kelly Madeline Haggerty</i>
<i>Sunday November 3rd Cantor: Meringolo</i>	<i>Father Maurizio Lector:Dervan/Czujko EM:Kenney/Dervan/Diaz/ McGrath/LaSerra</i>	<i>8:00am</i>	<i>For the People of SSPJ Parish</i>
<i>Cantor Cazzaniga</i>	<i>Father Sean Lector:Just/Franco EM:Rizzo/Calderone/ Consenz/Amen/Luna</i>	<i>10:00am</i>	<i>All Souls Novena</i>
<i>Cantor: Lupinacci</i>	<i><u>Collective Mass</u> Father Gannon Lector:Kenton/Carey EM:Napolitano/Conti/ Stack/Suski</i>	<i>12:00pm</i>	<i>Theodura Ryan John DeLorenzo Howard Alonzo Elizabeth Helen Walls Paul D'Amelio Salvatore Giordano</i>
<i>Monday November 4th</i>	<i>Adoration 1:30-7pm In the Church</i>	<i>7:30am 9:15am</i>	<i>All Soul's Novena Joseph E. Verderber</i>
<i>Tuesday November 5th</i>		<i>7:30am 9:15am</i>	<i>All Soul's Novena Adrian Erias</i>
<i>Wednesday November 6th</i>		<i>7:30am 9:15am</i>	<i>All Soul's Novena Vito & Nella Inserra</i>
<i>Thursday November 7th</i>		<i>7:30am 9:15am</i>	<i>All Soul's Novena <u>Collective Mass</u> Paul Di'Orio</i>
<i>Friday November 8th</i>		<i>7:30am 9:15am</i>	<i>All Soul's Novena Thomas Baldwin</i>
<i>Saturday November 9th Cantor: Murtha</i>	<i>Father Sean Lector:Healy/Pilero EM: Taurassi/Drechsler/ Duffy/Toto/Ruggieri</i>	<i>9:15am 5:00pm</i>	<i>All Soul's Novena Ignatious Griffo</i>
<i>Sunday November 10th Cantor: Lohmann</i>	<i>Father Lector:Cavooris/Marino EM:Rizzo/Ramos/Sica/M&P Tully</i>	<i>8:00am</i>	<i>For the People of SSPJ Parish</i>
<i>Cantor: Hill</i>	<i>Father Lector:Zahorodny/Gebbia EM:Suski/Keane/Luna/ Conti/Napolitano/Mulhall</i>	<i>10:00am</i>	<i>All Soul's Novena</i>
<i>Cantor: Stefanowski</i>	<i><u>Collective Mass</u> Lector: Latino/Geier EM:Samson/Latino/ Bleggi/Orlando</i>	<i>12:00pm</i>	<i>Catherine Smith Irene Turnquist Paul D'Amelio Joseph Byrne Frank Paparello Anthony & Lorraine Vaccari</i>

Altar Memorials for the week of November 3rd, 2024



Our Altar Candles
Are burning
In memory of

Alfred Fox

With love from,

Theresa and Chris Bryant and Family



The Pro Life Rose
Is dedicated in memory of

Alfred Fox

With Love from,

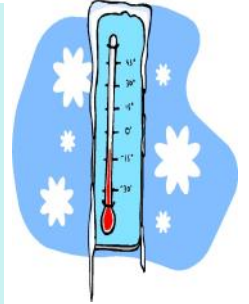
Christine and Lindy Brown



**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:
NOVEMBER 9TH AND 10TH**

**YOUR ASSISTANCE AND GENEROSITY IS GREATLY
APPRECIATED AS WE PREPARE FOR WINTER WITH
A COLLECTION TO HELP DEFRAY HEATING COSTS.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



A GREAT BIG THANKYOU FROM YOUR BULLETIN EDITOR,

Maria Schne

To My Awesome SSPJ Parish Family,

Phew!!!! You are reading my last bulletin creation ! I just wanted to thank all of you for your support, kindness, love and encouragement that you shared with me over the past ten years.

When I accepted this invitation , it was a sad time as I was blessed to learn this craft from Linda Kushins. Linda held this role so proudly for many years. As her illness progressed, she took me under her wing and shared this art. Each week was a challenge and a prayer for me and I am ever grateful to the Lord for the inspiring journey this has been.

Thank you for accepting the Holy Spirits voice that spoke to me and through me as I prepared text, content and most importantly the cover that greeted you all each week.

This has truly been a labor of faith , hope and love. Please take note of this weeks cover, it is the message and hope that I leave each of you with. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Follow your hearts, invite the Lord into your challenges, and meet the Lord in each heart you pass as you traverse your journey of faith.

Please welcome Adam Liebowitz who will be carrying the torch. Any bulletin issues or submissions should be sent to him no later than Tuesday's at 12noon at: alieberowitz@sspj.org.

With my sincere heart of love, gratitude and hope, THANK YOU!



DIocese of ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

September 23, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At this year's general election, New York voters will decide whether to approve a proposed amendment to the State Constitution. Officially known as "Proposal One", the amendment would add new language to the State's version of the "Bill of Rights" that, if approved, could insert gender ideology into child and adult sports, schools, hospitals, and even our churches.

The proponents of Proposal One refer to it as the "Equal Rights Amendment" and claim that the amendment is intended to protect the right to access an abortion. Proposal One, however, does nothing to ensure "equal rights" nor does it have anything to do with the legality of abortion in New York.

Since 1938, the State Constitution has guaranteed the right to the equal protection of the laws and has barred discrimination against any individual by a public or private institution based upon "race, color, creed or religion." Now, eighty-five years after the adoption of the Constitution's prohibition on discrimination, the State Legislature has discovered that we need an "Equal Rights Amendment" that ensures a "right" to an abortion in New York.

New York's abortion laws are already among the most permissive in the nation. Proposal One does nothing to alter the abortion laws or to further liberalize them. In fact, the word "abortion" does not appear anywhere in the proposed amendment. New Yorkers who vote in favor of Proposal One because they believe it will provide additional legal guarantees related to abortion are victims of a misleading campaign that masks the true purpose of the amendment.

Voters need only to read the language set forth in Proposal One to learn its actual purpose and to discern its potential for harm. While they will find no mention of abortion, voters will discover that, if adopted, Proposal One would prohibit discrimination based upon "gender identity" or "gender expression." This language would transform the laudable and longstanding anti-discrimination article in the State Constitution into a legal weapon that would force institutions across the state—public and private, religious, and secular—to accommodate the most radical forms of gender ideology.

Under this language, for example, a CYO girls' basketball team, or a local girls' soccer club, could be forced to allow a biological male to participate on the team if he wishes to do so because of his "gender expression." To bar such a person from the team would constitute an act of illegal discrimination.

The same language can be employed against health clubs, public and private schools, restaurants, and other public places to mandate that these institutions open their bathrooms and locker rooms to anyone, regardless of biological sex, based upon an individual's "gender identity." To restrict access to a bathroom or locker room according to biological sex would be another form of unconstitutional discrimination.

Furthermore, Proposal One would undermine the bedrock religious liberty protections that the State Constitution is supposed provide for Catholic parishes, schools, and hospitals, as well as for the religious institutions administered by other faiths. The amendment would expose a church or school to a lawsuit if, for example, it refused to hire a "transgender" catechist or dismissed an employee for the promotion of notions about gender that are antithetical to Church teaching. A teacher could demand to be called by a "preferred pronoun", as could any student, regardless of age. A refusal to adopt this sort of language regime would violate the Constitution.

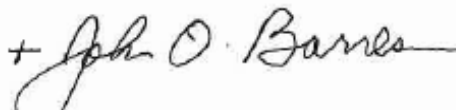
Catholic hospitals that do not perform gender-related surgeries could be sued for illegal discrimination against people who wish to express their gender identity through a medical procedure.

Supporters of Proposal One dismiss these concerns as far-fetched fearmongering. Yet they cannot offer any other plausible application of the language in the amendment. Unlike proposals in other states that were designed to limit the power of a state legislature to regulate access to abortion, Proposal One never mentions abortion, nor does it expressly restrict the power of the State Legislature to pass laws related to abortion. Instead, the amendment adds a "word salad" of terms to the State Constitution that would turn the shield of anti-discrimination protection into a sword that can be used to pierce religious and secular institutions in order to impose, by force of law, a gender ideology that voters have never endorsed.

New York's Constitution has, for nearly a century, expressly prohibited discriminatory practices. Proposal One does nothing to enhance the universally accepted principle of equality before the law. Proposal One is, instead, a deceptive effort to impose an ideological agenda upon the State disguised by popular and inoffensive rhetoric about "equal rights" and by appealing to voters who believe the state's abortion laws are at risk of change. But, to paraphrase the Gospel, by its language you shall know it. The words of Proposal One reveal its true intent and the effects it would have if adopted.

New Yorkers who do not wish to see the State Constitution used to implement a harmful gender ideology that would reach into nearly every facet of ever day life, from sports to schools, from bathrooms to gyms to hospitals—even into churches, synagogues and mosques—must vote "NO" on Proposal One.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

October 24, 2024

Dear Brother Priests,

I pray this letter finds you well. As always, thank you for your evangelizing pastoral charity in the way you are helping to form our elementary school students, middle school students and high school students in our Catholic Faith and helping them to discern their futures.

As many of you know, I currently serve as the Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees for The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Catholic University holds a distinctive place in our nation's higher education landscape.

As the National University of the Catholic Church in the United States, the Catholic University of America's global mission is centered on Jesus Christ and the mission of mercy of the Catholic Church in the world.

Grounded in a passion for the Sacred Scriptures, the Holy Eucharist and fidelity to the liberating truths of our Catholic Faith, the Catholic University of America integrates faith, reason, scholarship, professional and career preparation and missionary corporal and spiritual works of mercy service in a vibrant harmony.

The university forms students not only academically but also spiritually and morally, equipping them to become leaders who serve the Church and society with integrity, compassion, and a deep commitment to the Gospel.

Many men and women, who were formed more deeply in their Catholic Faith and prepared academically and professionally at CUA, have lived the Catholic Apostolate of the Laity and a Catholic missionary spirit in their marriages and families, their careers and contributions to society and the public square. Over the years, many young men have discerned their vocations to the priesthood at CUA and many young women have discerned calls to religious life.

We have many students from Long Island from both our Catholic and public schools who are studying at the Busch School of Business, the Conway School of Nursing, Catholic philosophy and theology, Biomedical engineering and many other academic disciplines and their connected career paths.. These different academic dimensions of Catholic University have one critical thing in common. They integrate Catholic biblical, doctrinal, sacramental, moral and spiritual theology into these critical academic disciplines and their related professional and career preparation.

I invite you to nominate any promising high school student in your parish who would thrive in such an environment. These students might be engaged parishioners, current students at Catholic high schools, public high school students, or young adults discerning their vocational path. I believe many of them would find a true home at Catholic University.

Additionally, any parishioner accepted into Catholic University's undergraduate program will be eligible for an annually renewable \$4,000 parish scholarship—valued at \$16,000 over four years—at no cost to the parish.

Catholic University offers this scholarship as part of its commitment to supporting deserving students from Catholic communities. It is also a gesture of gratitude for the consistent generosity parishes have shown through the National Collection, which affirms the vital role Catholic University plays among American Catholic institutions of higher learning.

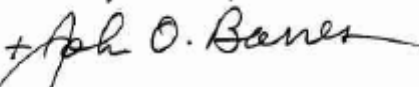
The university seeks young people who are intellectually curious and seek truth, eager to grow in their Catholic faith, and committed to addressing the challenges facing our world as public square Catholics. If you know young men or women discerning their educational, career and vocational path, a future in ministry or service, who would benefit from a university rooted in the Catholic intellectual tradition and faithful to every dimension of Catholic teaching, I encourage you to connect them with this remarkable institution.

Below, you'll find the [full link](#) to the nomination form. I also encourage you to invite your parishioners to nominate deserving students. For your convenience, I've included a brief bulletin announcement, which you can publish through the end of November.

Let us continue to support one another in prayer as we strive to guide the next generation of public square Catholic leaders. I am grateful for your ongoing dedication to your parishes and ministries, and the profound impact you have in the lives of so many in our diocese.

May the Lord bless you abundantly, and may Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, guide us all.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Rev. John O. Barres, STD, JCL, DD
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Full link to nomination form: <https://www.catholicu-lead-with-light.net/referral>

Religious Education Ministry~ Everyone NeEDs Jesus Program

Our program has begun and our students are ready and eager to begin the year together! Several of our students are preparing to receive First Holy Communion and several others are preparing to receive Confirmation. Our remaining students are engaging in the awesome wonder and love of Jesus. His teachings in the "bee-attitudes" as well as the miracles he performed. Even Father Gannon joined in the fun by sharing a lesson with our third and fourth graders. We are so glad he knew the answers to the questions!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

MASS FOR OUR COMMUNION I AND COMMUNION II FAMILIES

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3RD, 2024
AT 10:00am

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE SHARE MASS TOGETHER; AND THEN ENJOY SOME NICE HOSPITALITY RIGHT AFTER.

Miss Charlotte is preparing her Communion II Students for Reconciliation. She shared with them how the Holy Spirit is always present to help them make good choices.

Thank you Miss Charlotte for sharing your love and faith!





Advent Family Day

Please join us as we prepare to be Pilgrims of Hope this Advent season. Crafts, games, snacks, and community. Children will learn about Advent and the upcoming Jubilee 2025. Please fill out the registration form below and return to the parish office or drop in the collection basket at mass by November 18th.

Saints Philip and James School Auditorium
Saturday, November 23rd, 10AM-12PM

Family Name:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Child's Name/Grade:

Child's Name/Grade:

Child's Name/Grade:

Parish Social Ministry

We remember,

John T. Marry

Safely home in the arms of Jesus



Our Food Pantry Needs:

Thank you for your kindness and generosity

TOILET TISSUE



THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE...

The Respect Life Committee invites all to join us in praying the rosary at 8 AM, M-F, in the prayer room of the Church. We would also like to remind everyone to vote if you have not already done so.

Triune God, Creator of all, We praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home. Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home, and protection.



To promote the independence of our service users and to better respect their dignity, we would like to empower them to make their own choices for a holiday dinner. Therefore, again this year, we would appreciate more supermarket gift cards or monetary contributions and less in the way of food items. You may put them in the collection baskets marked PSM. You may also leave them at the Rectory Office. Distribution to our clients will be on November 18, allowing them time to shop.



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

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

Child of God Honors October 2024



Nursery

Valentina Lavrigata is a Child of God. Valentina is very sweet and shy but will always be sure to set a good example for her classmates. She will often finish her morning work and be the first one standing to get ready for prayers. She loves to participate and lead the class in our song to praise God. Valentina always works hard and shows kindness towards her friends. She is a great helper in our Nursery classroom!

Pre-K

Harley Murphy is a Child Of God. Harley is a good friend. Very often you can find her lending a hand to a fellow student who is struggling with a paper or concept taught in class. She always speaks to her classmates with kindness and encouragement. Harley eagerly listens to the bible stories read in class and enjoys learning all about her faith.

Kindergarten

Niccolo Mormile is a child of God. Nicky shines brightly with his big heart and cheerful spirit. His actions teach his friends that even the smallest gestures can make a big difference. He exemplifies how true faith is shown through loving actions, making him a great example of God's love in action.

Grade 1

Paul Masson is a child of God. Paul is always doing the right thing during Mass and he loves to lead us in prayer in the classroom. Each day he shows kindness and care to his classmates. Paul enjoys learning new things in first grade and he likes to participate in school activities. Paul continues to grow in his faith each day.

Grade 2

Ayden Polacsek is a child of God. Ayden works hard everyday to be the best example he can be for those around him. He always listens, helps his friends and teacher and always does the right thing. During Mass, Ayden does his best to respond and say his prayers. He is kind to everyone around him. Ayden is a true example of a child of God.

Grade 3

Kylah Pearson is a Child of God. Kylah is a respectful girl and is always willing to lend a helping hand. Kylah is reverent during prayers and is an active participant during our weekly grade-level Masses. She is reliable and sets a wonderful example for her classmates. She always strives to live her life as Jesus would.

Grade 4

Gino Maniaci is a Child of God. Each day Gino is kind and helpful to his peers and teachers. He enjoys learning about his faith and he is always reverent during Mass. Gino works hard and strives to always do his very best. Gino is a wonderful follower of Jesus.

Grade 5

James Cullen is a Child of God. James is always reverent during morning and afternoon prayer. He actively participates in Mass each week and is a wonderful role model to his Nursery Buddy. In addition, James is an altar server and proudly volunteers to serve at our weekly grade level Masses. In the classroom, James goes above and beyond to help his teachers and classmates. He demonstrates outstanding effort when studying his faith and enjoys learning from Father Gannon. James embodies what it means to be called a Child of God.

Grade 6

Bradley Faustin is a Child of God. He is reverent during morning and afternoon prayers, along with always participating in religion class and asking Father Gannon questions. Bradley is an altar server who willingly volunteers to serve at our grade level Masses. Bradley's inquisitive mind stretches beyond religion, where he is an active participant in our classroom discussions. He demonstrates a strong work ethic when studying his faith and academics. Bradley is a great example of what it means to be a Child of God.

Grade 7

Nicole Wille is a Child of God. Nicole is a very responsible student. She gives up her lunch time to sell snacks in the cafeteria. Nicole is an altar server. She is polite and respectful and is an excellent role model to her buddy and those around her when attending Mass. Nicole demonstrates what it means to be a Child of God.

Grade 8

Julianna Carey is a Child of God. Julianna demonstrates that she is a follower of Jesus through her daily actions. She altar serves during school and weekend Masses and jumps at the chance to fill in when needed. Jules is kind to her peers and the staff. When she is not working hard on her school work, Jules participates in various sports and activities. She is always happy and is always smiling. Julianna does a great job spreading the light of Jesus!

Faculty

Mrs. Maher is a Child of God. Mrs. Maher is our fourth grade teacher. She teaches with God at the helm of her classroom. Mrs. Maher is a kind, dedicated teacher. She appreciates and is thankful that Fr. Gannon comes into her classroom to speak with her students. Mrs. Maher is a blessing to her colleagues. She exemplifies what it is to be a Child of God.

SSPJ School and Parish - Come Join Us For



Saturday, November 16, 2024

SSPJ Auditorium

Doors Open at 6:00 PM after 5:00 PM Mass

Games start at 6:30 PM

Join us for 10 games full of fun and great prizes

Snacks & Water ~ available for purchase

50/50 Raffle!

RSVP by November 13th to hold your spot!

Questions?? Contact - danderson@sspjschool.net

SSPJ Family Bingo November 16, 2024

Family Name : _____ Phone #: _____

Number of books (ten games in one book) _____ \$10 per book - Total _____

Slices of Pizza _____ \$3.00 per slice - Total _____

Pizza Pie _____ \$20 - Total _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Cash/Checks payable to SSPJ School

Congratulations!

God bless Connor on being the 2nd student in the SSPJ School graduating class of 2025 to join the lector ministry!

A great big thank you to Miss Rita for preparing the students so well!



SSPJ Students in grades 3-8 were blessed to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.

I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.

In His Name.

My God have mercy.

Amen.

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Christmas Tree Sale

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YOU CAN GIVE



SHARE WITH
FRIENDS AND
FAMILY AND LOCAL
BUSINESSES

OCTOBER 28TH-NOVEMBER 29TH



Let's Raise Some Money!
Clothing Drive

Sts Philip and James School & Parish
is hosting a used clothing donation event!

Date: Saturday, November 9, 2024
Time: 9:00AM - 2:00PM
Location: Sts Phillip and James School SIDE parking lot!

Contact Person: Call/Text Faye Saladino 646-673-9014

We are collecting: wearable & usable clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, bedsheets, towels, stuffed animals, small hard toys and bikes

We will receive money for every pound we collect.
Please put all items that you are donating into tightly tied plastic bags

SSPJ Faith Sharing Group



Seeking to deepen your connection with God and find inspiration in the extraordinary life of Mary? Look no further! Wednesday promises to be an enriching experience, centered around the remarkable theme: "Mary, the First Tabernacle of our God." Uncover the depths of Mary's humanity, and let her incredible journey ignite your own spiritual transformation. Her story will inspire and empower you as you navigate your own spiritual path...
Don't miss this wonderful opportunity.

Join us on Wednesday mornings in the Bethany Center from 10:00 - 11:00. New and returning members are welcome! If you have any questions, please call the parish center office at 631-584-5454.

Sister T's Reflection

Dear Friends,

Daily I receive a quote written by Pope Francis. Today his words resonated in my mind and heart. I would like to share it with you and allow you to reflect on it.

“To live by Jesus, to live by the Gospel, one must come out of oneself. We felt spurred on to go out to the sea, to leave the comfortable shores of our safe harbors to enter deep waters; not into the marshy waters of ideologies, but the open sea in which the Spirit invites us to cast our nets.” Pope Francis

The first words that caught my attention were ‘one must come out of oneself’. Are there times in your life that you can think that the world revolves around you? I can sure list a few. The invitation to leave the comfortable shores can bring some anxiety with it if you really think about it. Living like Jesus can be very challenging IF fail to keep HIM at the center of our lives.

Do I/we sometimes get stuck in the ‘marshy waters of ideology’? It’s easy to talk a good talk but can we walk the walk? Although challenging, the way to live the life that Jesus gives to us in the Gospel is simple. It is we who complicate it. We need to love God with our whole heart, mind and soul. And we need to love our neighbor as ourselves.

What are some of the risks I take when I go out into the ‘open sea’? Like the prophets of old what I say, share, might not be popular and so I risk rejection. The spirit may call me to change some of my opinions, ideas or ways of doing things. Can I change? Moving from a comfortable place can really be difficult. But I am willing to go where the Spirit lives and is leading me.

We live in challenging times and the Gospel is so counter cultural, can I transcend the challenges and keep Jesus as the center of my life and go out into the DEEP? Make some extra time for yourself in prayer and take our Pope’s words to heart.

***Till next week,
Sister Theresita Donach***

Music Ministry

Jesus calls us to come closer to him.

Endless Is Your Love, Our Communion Hymn, tells us how much Jesus loves us.

We can’t hide from his love.

New Chant Mass coming for Advent

New Gloria,# 891 in the book, coming for Christmas only.

Different music happening in the Music Ministry. Stay tuned!!

My Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 1-3

For the: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, November 3rd, 2024

My Name Is: _____ My Grade IS: _____ SSPJ SCHOOL _____

Please share this time with Jesus, Complete your reflection from your heart, and
bring it to mass with you next weekend

Saturday, November 9th or Sunday, November 10th, 2024

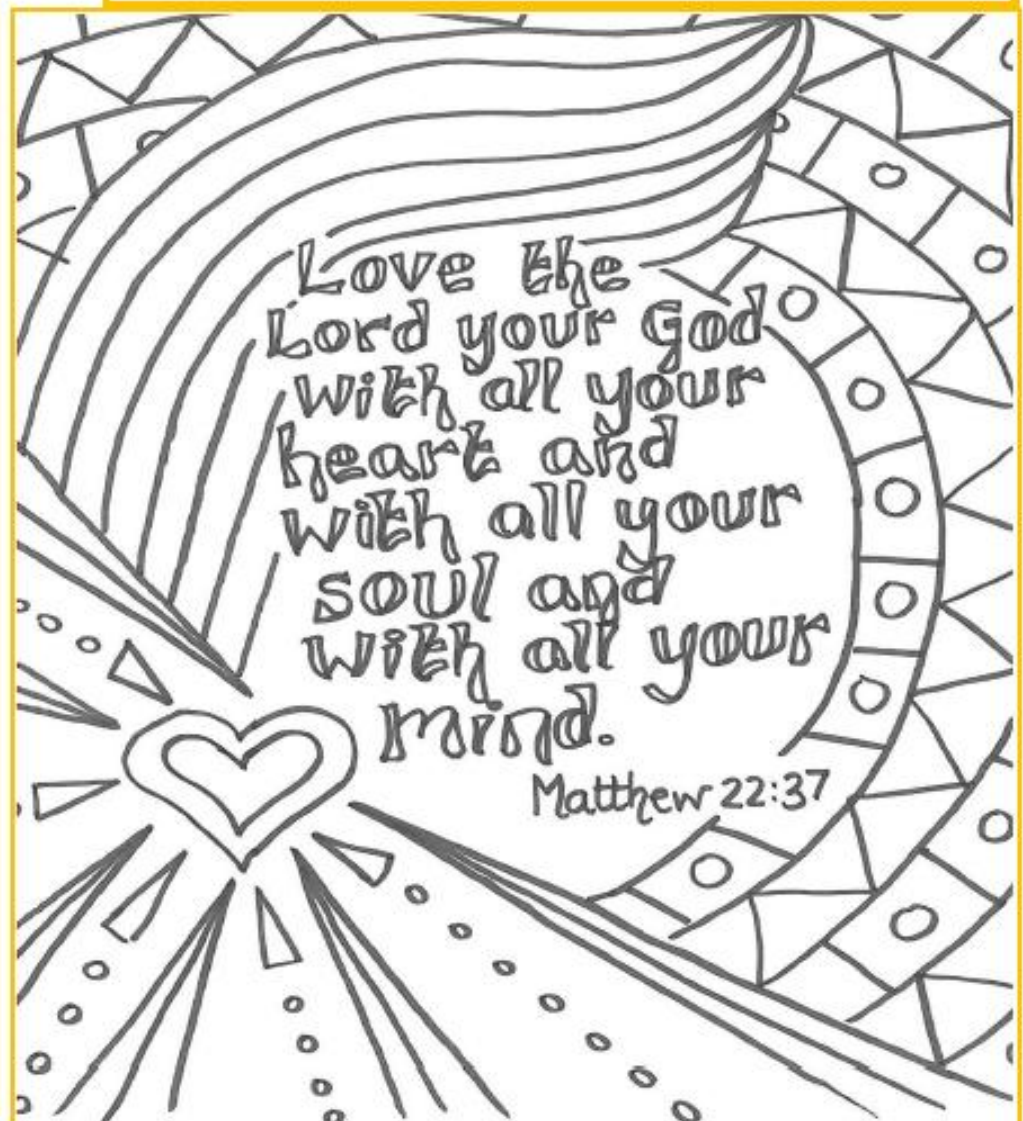


The Gospel Message: Mark 12:28-34

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches us about the greatest commandment: To love the Lord your God with all your heart. The Second most important commandment is to Love your neighbor as yourself.

Being a good disciple means trying very hard to
follow Jesus

*Dear Jesus,
I know that when
I follow you and
Walk in your shadow
I become more
Like you.
I learn what it
Means to care
For others and
To share love with
A stranger.
Please help me to
continue to walk
with you, even if I
am in a rush!
Amen*



My Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 4-6

For the: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, November 3rd, 2024

My Name Is: _____ My Grade IS: _____ SSPJ SCHOOL _____

Please share this time with Jesus, Complete your reflection from your heart, and
bring it to mass with you next weekend

Saturday, November 9th or Sunday, November 10th, 2024



The Gospel Message: Mark 12:28-34

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Amen



Jesus is asked a question in today's Gospel about which of the God's commandments is greatest . What did he say?

The Second Commandment Jesus explained is to love your neighbor as yourself?

How can you do that?

What can you do this week to live out the first commandment?

My Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 7-8

For the: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, November 3rd, 2024

My Name Is: _____ My Grade IS: _____ SSPJ SCHOOL _____

Please share this time with Jesus, Complete your reflection from your heart, and
bring it to mass with you next weekend

Saturday, November 9th or Sunday, November 10th, 2024



The Gospel Message: Mark 12:28-34

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches us about the greatest commandment: To love the Lord your God with all your heart. The Second most important commandment is to Love your neighbor as yourself.

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Jesus teaches us that the key to the Kingdom of God is found in balancing our love for God, our love for ourselves, and our love for our neighbors. How can you achieve this?

What is one example of how you can show your love of God by loving your neighbor?

What can you do this week to live out the first and second commandments?

Good News INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2024: 1 Kgs 17:10-16 | Ps 146:7-10 (1b) | Heb 9:24-28 | Mk 12:38-44 or Mk 12:41-44

Following Jesus requires a tremendous amount of trust, because he often takes us to unexpected places that require new growth, sacrifices, and moving beyond the boundaries of what's familiar and comfortable.

Consider the two widows in this Sunday's first reading and the Gospel reading. How could they give what common sense says they could not afford? Did they know with total certainty that God would take care of their needs? No. So they gave all they had because they were so in love with God that they trusted his love for them.

Trust is a sign of genuine love – especially when the one we trust is God. We can love others more freely and generously if we trust God to help us through the difficulties that occur when people prove themselves untrustworthy. Our freedom to love others unconditionally is not based upon how safe we are with them; it's based on how safe we are with God.

Each widow gave what she could not afford to lose. We cannot afford to love those who will cause us grief and disappointment and feelings of rejection, and yet Jesus tells us to forgive them and do good to them and go the extra mile for them.

Sometimes doing good to those who are difficult to love must include "tough love", which asserts boundaries that they are not allowed to cross. Remember what Jesus did: Until Good Friday, Jesus always walked away from his persecutors. Did he stop loving them? Not at all. And sometimes it means enabling them to reap what they sow so that they begin to understand their



need to repent. Instead of cleaning up their messes, we have to let them suffer from it. Think about it: Does God clean up our messes before we repent? Usually he won't even do that after we repent. What would we learn if someone else does the damage control?

Loving others always includes sacrificing ourselves and relying on God to comfort us, heal us, restore us, and bless us. We can trust God for this. Our jar of whatever we pour out to others for the sake of love will never go empty.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † What needs healing or correction in your thinking so you can feel secure and fully loved by God?
- † Describe a time when you gave more than you thought you could give: more money, more love, more time, more patience – more of anything. What motivated you to be so generous?
- † What were the end results? What did you learn?

A UNIVERSAL CREED: RON ROHLHEISER, OMI

Creeds ground us. Within a short formula they summarize the main tenets of our faith and keep us mindful of the truths that anchor us.

As a Christian, I pray two creeds, *The Apostles' Creed* and *The Nicene Creed*. But I also pray another creed which grounds me in some deep truths which are not always sufficiently recognized as inherent in our Christian creeds. This creed, given in the Epistle to the Ephesians, is stunningly brief and simply reads: *There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God who is Father of us all.*

That's a lot in a few words! This creed, while Christian, takes in all denominations, all faiths, and all sincere persons everywhere. Everyone on the planet can pray this creed because ultimately there is only one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who created and loves us all.

This has far-reaching consequences for how we understand God, other Christian denominations, other faiths, sincere non-believers, and ourselves. There is only one God, no matter our denomination, particular faith, or no explicit faith at all. The one same God is the loving creator and parent of everyone. And that one God has no favorites, doesn't dislike certain persons, denominations, or faiths, and never disdains goodness or sincerity, no matter their particular religious or secular cloak.

And these are some of the consequences: First, Jesus assures us that God is the author of all that is good. In addition, as Christians we believe that God has certain transcendental attributes, namely, God is *one, true, good, and beautiful*. If that is true (and how could it be otherwise?), then everything we see in our world that is integral, true, good, or beautiful, whatever its outward label (Roman Catholic, Protestant, Evangelical, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist, Muslim, New Age, Neo-Pagan, or purely Secular), comes from God and must be honored.

John Muir once challenged Christianity with this question: *Why are Christians so reluctant to let animals into their stingy heaven?* The creed in the Epistle to the Ephesians asks something similar: *Why are Christians so reluctant to let other denominations, other faiths, and good sincere people without explicit faith into our stingy concept of God, Christ, faith, and the church? Why are we afraid of faith fellowship with Christians of other denominations? Why are we afraid of faith fellowship with sincere Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and New Age religious? Why are we afraid of paganism? Why are we afraid of natural sacraments?*

There can be good reasons. First, we do need to safeguard precisely the truths expressed in our creeds and not slide into an amorphous syncretism in which everything is relative, where all truths and all religions are equal, and the only dogmatic requirement is that we be nice to each other. Although there is, in fact, something (religious) to be said about being nice to each other, the more important point is that embracing each other in faith fellowship is not saying that all faiths are equal and that one's particular denomination or faith tradition is unimportant. Rather it is acknowledging (importantly) that, at the end of the day, we are all one family, under one God, and that we need to embrace each other as brothers and sisters. Despite our differences, we all have the same radical creed.

Then too, as Christians, we believe that Christ is the unique mediator between God and ourselves. As Jesus puts it, *no one goes to the Father, except through me*. If that is true, and as Christians we hold that as dogma, then where does that leave Hindus, Buddhists, Taoists, Jews, Muslims, New Agers, Neo-Pagans, and sincere non-believers? How do they share the kingdom with us Christians since they do not believe in Christ?

As Christians, we have always had answers to that question. The Catholic catechisms of my youth spoke of a "baptism of desire" as a way of entry into the mystery of Christ. Karl Rahner spoke of sincere persons being "anonymous Christians". Frank de Graeve spoke of a reality he called "*Christ-ianity*", as a mystery wider than historical "*Christianity*"; and Pierre Teilhard de Chardin spoke of Christ as being the final anthropological and cosmological structure within the evolutionary process itself. What all of these are saying is that the mystery of Christ cannot be identified simplistically with the historical Christian churches. The mystery of Christ works through the historical Christian churches but also works, and works widely, outside of our churches and outside the circles of explicit faith.

Christ is God and therefore is found wherever anyone is in the presence of oneness, truth, goodness, and beauty. Kenneth Cragg, after many years as a missionary with the Muslims, suggested that it is going to take all the religions of the world to give full expression to the full Christ.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God who is Father of us all – and so we should not be so reluctant to let others, not of our own kind, into our stingy heaven.