

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

631-584-5454

May 19th, 2024 Pentecost Sunday



*"Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
"Receive the Holy Spirit"
John 20:21-23*

*"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

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Open Thursday 9am-6pm

Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

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Collections: ~

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Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:

\$16,700

Weekly Collection: Sunday, May 12th, 2024:

Collections from Weekend masses: \$8,965.

Mail Collections: \$2,060.

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

Total Collection: \$14,399.04

Ascension Collection: \$2,056.00

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Sacraments

Baptism— Celebrated twice per month. Parents are asked to register at the Pastoral Center for Pre-Baptism Program.

Marriage—Couples are asked to contact the Pastoral Center before visiting the reception hall. The Marriage Preparation process is nine months before your proposed wedding date.

Confirmation—Seventh and Eighth grade students are prepared to celebrate through Religious Ed or SSPJ School. Adults prepare through RCIA.

Reconciliation— Available Saturdays from 4:00pm-5:00pm in the Church or by contacting the Parish Center for an appointment.

Anointing of the Sick— In case of serious, unexpected illness, please contact the Parish Center office to arrange for a Priest to pray with the person who is ill. Anointing of the Sick is held on the first Sunday of the month following the 8:00am mass please see the Sacristan before mass.

R.C.I.A.— Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (non-Catholic adults desiring to become Catholic) are asked to contact the Parish Center Office.

Eucharistic Adoration In The Church— Monday 1:30pm -7pm

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE FOR US IN YOUR PRAYERS



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HANK MOLONEY—USAF
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SAMANTHA JOSEPHSON-USAF

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,

"Suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were."

We celebrate this weekend the feast of Pentecost, the pouring out of the Spirit on the early apostles. This line from today's first reading is part of the description given of what they experienced. Fr. John Foley, SJ, poses the question: *Wouldn't you have loved to be there?*

He goes on to say, *"Imagine it this way: "There was this sound that came from the sky, something that sounded like, uh, oh, let's see, uh, wind! That's it. It wasn't wind but that is the closest I can get. And then stuff that looked sort of like chunks of fire, or maybe like tongues made out of fire. Only it wasn't really fire. Or tongues either. Oh, I can't describe it."*

It was a presence that cannot truly be described, something very real but too deep for words.

Have you ever experienced something very real, yet too deep for words? Have you ever experienced the Spirit of God within you? I think all of us have - though perhaps not always in such a dramatic way. The Spirit of God *IS* within us, and we do move with the Spirit. As Fr. Foley says, *"Like anything planted so deep, the Spirit's presence must have time to make its way into our actions, our words, our deeds. Whenever we find patches of charity or joy in ourselves, or patience and kindness, or the ability to endure hardship and injuries; when we are tempted toward mildness and modesty, then we can be sure that the Holy Spirit is at work within us."*

Thank you to those many volunteers who serve in so many different ministries – at liturgy, in formation, in outreach, in sacramental preparation, in hospitality, and on and on. Thank you for allowing the Spirit to guide and strengthen you. As in the beginning days of the church, *there are many gifts but the same Spirit.* May the Holy Spirit continue to empower and enflame us to be Apostles of Hope!

As we accept the invitation to give birth to a new Pentecost, what gifts might the Spirit be asking you to share? As we all know church is far more than a building. It's a people who have hearts God desires to fill to capacity. Perhaps the Spirit of God might be inviting you to new possibilities, new experiences, new ministries, new life. *Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew each of us!*

We continue to welcome our young ones to the Table of the Lord on Saturday as they receive their First Holy Communion. Congratulations to them and to their families.

I leave this week for retreat at the Jesuit Retreat House in Gloucester, MA. I'll be praying for all of you and ask for your prayers. I will return the following weekend.

And finally,

*What's the best way to catch a fish? Have someone throw it to you.
Eggs and bacon walked into a restaurant. The hostess told them "We don't serve breakfast here."*

*What's weirder than seeing a catfish? Watching a goldfish bowl.
Did you hear about the frog that lost its car? Seems it got toad.*

Peace,

Father Tom

May the grace and love of God continue to guide you in your retirement from the priesthood, Father Tom.

Your years of dedication have touched countless hearts, and may this new chapter be filled with peace, fulfillment, and the joy.

Please know the gifts of your words, wisdom, encouragement, spirit, insight, hope, and love of Christ, will be carried in the hearts of those you've served here at SSPJ and throughout the Diocese of Rockville Centre over the past 46 years.

Your presence at SSPJ and your homilies will surely be missed. You have opened our hearts and minds to receive Christ as real presence and to see Him in our neighbors and each other.

We are grateful for the past 11 years that you have shared with us, your SSPJ Parish Family.

Our parishioners will gather to celebrate with you on Saturday, June 22nd at the 5 pm Mass followed by a reception in our auditorium.

Please join us in wishing Fr Tom well on his well-deserved retirement

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

Mass Intentions, For the week of May 19th, 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 Addonizio
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
Larry Baldwin
Lauretta Prague
Laura Bode
Leon Donach
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 Mattered
Tina Cafaro
Tiffany Lochan
Thomas Lfriieri
Tom Ryan
Tom Focone
Vivien & John
Cordes
Wayne Smith Sr.

Saturday May 18th Cantor: McCulloh	<i>Presider: Father Joe Lector: Dreschsler/Doran EM: Taurassi/Mantia/ Anderson/Duffy/Urce</i>	9:15am 5:00pm	Mother's Day Novena Michael Hennessy
Sunday May 19th Cantor: Meringolo	<i>Presider: Father Joe Lector: Koke/Halluska EM: Dervan/Diaz/Rizzo/Sica/ M. Tully</i>	8:00am	For the People of SSPJ Parish
Cantor: Hill	<i>Presider: Father Tom Lector: Tomasino/Piliero EM: Amen/Parish/Clarke/ Keane/Suski/McKie</i>	10:00am	Mother's Day Novena
Cantor: Lupinacci	Collective Mass <i>Presider: Father Tom Lector: Kenton/Latino EM: Margaret/V&C Rubano/Settineri</i>	12:00pm	Claudia Chandler Ceasar A. Figoni Denise Hervey A Holy Soul In Pergatory
Monday May 20th Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church	Adoration 1:30-7pm In the Church	7:30am 9:15am	Mother's Day Novena Eva & Philip Alaimo
Tuesday May 21st	St. Christopher Magallanes	7:30am 9:15am	Claudia Chandler Wendell Fisher
Wednesday May 22nd	Saint Rita	7:30am 9:15am	John R. Steele Joseph Clarke
Thursday May 23rd		7:30am 9:15am	Teresa Vaitis Collective Mass: Maximo Collado
Friday May 24th		7:30am 9:15am	In Gratitude Joe Falcone
Saturday May 25th Cantor: Murtha	<i>Presider: Father Joe Lector: Merlino/Healy EM: Rapp/Damato/Sisti/ Byrne/Toto</i>	9:15am 5:00pm	Helen Salvador Thomas Ginty
Sunday May 26th Cantor: Meringolo	<i>Presider: Father Jude Lector: Marino/White EM: Czujko/Kennedy/Koke/ LaSerra/P. Tully</i>	8:00am	For the People of SSPJ Parish
Cantor: Meringolo	<i>Presider: Father Joe Lector: Zahorodny/Cullen EM: Luna/McKie/Clarke/ Keane/Amen/Sotomayer</i>	10:00am	Charles Salomon
Cantor: Lohmann	Collective Mass <i>Presider: Father Joe Lector: Rubano/Smith EM: Chilton/Consenz/ Latino/Stack</i>	12:00pm	Deacon & Mrs. Frank Crivello ~50th Wedding anniversary Dottie McMahon Richard Grudens



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

ALTAR MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 19TH, 2024

*The Pro Life Rose
Is Offered...*

*In Remembrance of
"Pastor Tom blessing my marriage to
Leon Peter Heffron
On May 15th, 1982
At St. Mary's , East Islip"*

*Always & Forever,
Carol*

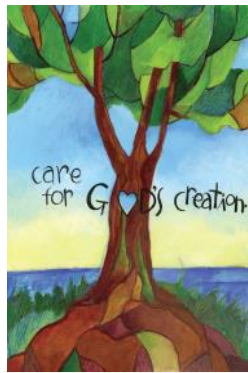


*Our Bread & Wine
Are Offered In memory of,*

Gerard Crusco

*Whose veteran memorial flag was donated
by
Phyllis & Frank Blank
To be flown over our school.*

*Our SSPJ School Community offers thanks
to Gerard Crusco for his service to our
country*



Caring for Our Creation~ Today, Sunday, May 19th

Praise the Lord in His Creation and see how you can take action for the earth and our children's future! To celebrate Laudato Si Week (May 19th - 25th), our Laudato Si Committee will be in the church auditorium after the 8 am and 10 am masses today, Sunday, May 19th to answer your questions on steps and ideas you and your family can take starting today. There will be free hand outs, prayer cards, seeds, and seedlings for your garden! Please come and lend your support to this important mission.



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

Wednesday, May 15th, 2024

Jesus is all mercy, Jesus is all love: he is God made man. Each of us, each one of us, is that little lost lamb, the coin that was mislaid; each one of us is that son who has squandered his freedom on false idols, illusions of happiness, and has lost everything. But God does not forget us, the Father never abandons us. He is a patient father, always waiting for us! He respects our freedom, but he remains faithful forever. And when we come back to him, he welcomes us like children into his house, for he never ceases, not for one instant, to wait for us with love."

Music Ministry

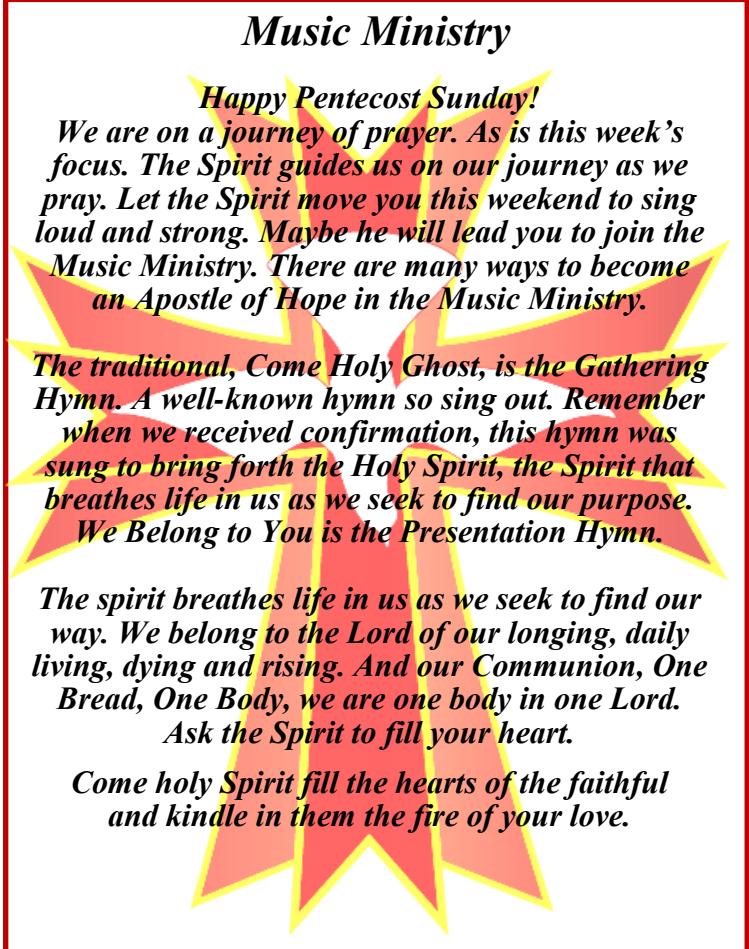
Happy Pentecost Sunday!

We are on a journey of prayer. As is this week's focus. The Spirit guides us on our journey as we pray. Let the Spirit move you this weekend to sing loud and strong. Maybe he will lead you to join the Music Ministry. There are many ways to become an Apostle of Hope in the Music Ministry.

The traditional, Come Holy Ghost, is the Gathering Hymn. A well-known hymn so sing out. Remember when we received confirmation, this hymn was sung to bring forth the Holy Spirit, the Spirit that breathes life in us as we seek to find our purpose. We Belong to You is the Presentation Hymn.

The spirit breathes life in us as we seek to find our way. We belong to the Lord of our longing, daily living, dying and rising. And our Communion, One Bread, One Body, we are one body in one Lord. Ask the Spirit to fill your heart.

Come holy Spirit fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.



A Reflection from Sister T

Dear Friends,

We just celebrated the Ascension, and now we have come upon the great feast of Pentecost. I cannot imagine how the Apostles, along with Mary, felt as they waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit. We already know the story, so we can approach this feast a little differently than they would. For the Apostles themselves, there were still so many unknowns. And so, they prayed.

*Jesus had promised to send the Holy Spirit, so that what He had begun to do here on earth to change the world would be finished by the Apostles themselves, and those that came after them. Their prayers brought them to the next step: bringing the Good News to the world. I found a definition of Service that I like, and want to share with you. **Service is what prayer looks like when it gets up off its knees and walks around in the world.** (Michael J. Graham, SJ)*

To accomplish this, the Apostles needed the gifts and fruits that the Holy Spirit would bestow upon them. They needed the gifts of:

***Wisdom;** to help make choices that align with divine truth and love.*

***Understanding;** it helps believers to grasp the mysteries of God and his plan for humanity.*

***Counsel (Right Judgement);** which grants the ability to discern what is morally right and to choose the best course of action.*

***Fortitude (Courage);** which provides strength, especially in living out one's faith amid adversity.*

***Knowledge;** which grants insight into the truths of faith, enabling believers to grow in spiritual wisdom and discernment.*

***Piety (Reverence);** to foster a profound respect for God, as well as a loving reverence for all of God's Creation.*

***Fear of the Lord (Wonder & Awe);** to instill a deep sense of reverence and awe before the majesty and power of God.*

In today's day and age, we need to believe and act knowing that the Spirit is with us also. We need to move from the fear we may have regarding certain issues and come to know the peace and passion the Apostles experienced that first Pentecost.

What are your fears, your challenges? Do you believe the Spirit is always with you?

Take some time to reflect on these questions as well as the gifts the Spirit has given us through Baptism and Confirmation.

*Till next week,
Sister Theresita*



THE GREAT WORKS AT SSPJ SCHOOL!

Congratulations
and God bless Jack
on being the 10th
member of the
SSPJ 2024 graduating
class to join the
Lector Ministry.



Happy Nurse's Appreciation
Day Nurse Deb.

SSPJ students, faculty and staff
are so thankful and blessed to
have you as our school nurse.

Thank you for taking such
good care of us!

DOES IS GET ANY BETTER THAN THE GREAT WORKS PERFORMED BY THE SSPJ STUDENTS?

SSPJ Crochet Club members worked hard making a granny square blanket for the prayer shawl ministry. The girls presented the blanket to Fr. Joe after Mass for a special blessing.



Primary science club explored fascinating facts about insects and ladybugs. Then they made a ladybug craft and card to give to a special lady.



CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS UPON
 OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES
 AS THEY RECEIVE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION!
 Saturday, May 11th, 2024



God Bless~
 Joseph Capolino, Briella Daley,
 Billie Phillips, Michael Massa,
 Victoria Avellan and
 Benjamin Avellan



God Bless~
 Carson Talarek, Emily Krone,
 Charles Dumelle,
 Thomas Dowd

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God Bless~
Annalei Hanley,
Madison Nadel, Erin O'Neill
Christian Galarza,
Peter Adolina



God Bless~
Jaina Gallo
Katelyn Craine, Taylor Shubert,
Cadence Sierra

**Let Us INVITE the Holy Sprit into our Hearts and Minds
Pentecost Sunday~ May 19th, 2024**

Our 6th grade Religious Education students were asked, in one of their lessons, to reflect upon how they could draw upon the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

As we celebrate Pentecost we wanted to share some of their responses:

Fortitude: I will be courageous with others who are not kind to the people around them and stand up to bullies; to stand up for what is right; to stand up for my faith; to act with confidence, strength, and courage.

Fear of the Lord: Receive Communion each week to have my relationship with God strengthen and to connect on a deeper level with God and Jesus; thank God each day for my blessings.

Understanding: to see another's perspective of a particular situation.

Counsel: by being truthful and trying not to sin; to choose right over wrong; to encourage others not to give in to peer pressure.

Wisdom: seeing bad situations and avoiding them; making the right choices in my life.

Knowledge: attending Mass to learn how God wants us to live.

Piety: worshipping and respecting the Lord by trying to be the best version of myself and living my life the way God would want me to.

LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio

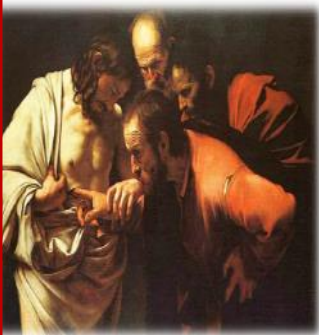


Join Bishop Andrzej

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

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.



Bible Study Verse

APOSTLE THOMAS
Touching the Present Lord
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.



Pentecost People

Come, Holy Spirit, and make us Pentecost people.

Let your wisdom and right judgment guide our decisions and temper our impulses.

Let knowledge and understanding increase our capacity for empathy and compassion.

Let reverence and awe fill us with gratitude and respect for all of creation.

Give us the courage to witness boldly to our faith in word and deed.

Through and with and in Jesus Christ, we pray.
Amen.



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THE HELPING HANDS AND ACTS OF LOVE FROM THE SSPJ YOUTH MINISTRY

On Saturday, May 11th, members of the SSPJ Youth Group learned more about Katie's Way. We made 60 hygiene kits and decorated 24 flowerpots for young moms living in a shelter. Thank you to Mrs. Farrell for speaking to us about Katie's Way and The "Lenten Ladies", Barbara Meringolo, Barbara Luna, Ellen Sotomayer and Maria Sehne, for collecting the supplies to create the hygiene kits!

Stay tuned for news about our next Youth Group Meeting in July!



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MID-SUMMER GOLF CLASSIC

JULY 17, 2024

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

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



Honorees Arthur Dunn & Jack Steele



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Parish Social Ministry

We remember,

Glenn E. Ryan

Jeanne Young

Safely home in the arms of Jesus



Our Food Pantry Needs:

Paper Towels

Peanut Butter

Canned Fruit

Dinty Moore Stew

Thank you so very much!



Are you struggling with your grief?
The road through grief has many
of bumps and detours.

Join our conversation as we share
our stories of grief and hope.

Please call the Rectory Office to
register.

Meeting will be held in the Bethany
Center on
Thursday, May 16 at 1PM.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



BABY SHOWER THIS WEEKEND

The Respect Life Committee will
be holding a Baby Shower in front
of the Parish Office
after all the Masses this weekend.
In case of rain, donations will be
accepted in the school lobby.
Any help for the mothers and
babies is greatly appreciated.

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**

CAN WE REACH OUR GOAL BY JUNE 26TH? WE ARE AT 65% OF GOAL!!

TOTALS RECEIVED AS OF

May 15th, 2024

GOAL: \$102,000

PLEDGES: **\$65,955** PAYMENTS: **\$47,925.**

2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal

As Catholics, we are called to spread the Good News to all those we meet. Jesus says to His Apostles (and all of us), *"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."* (Matthew 28:19-20).

How are you answering this call in your life? As members of the Catholic Church on Long Island, we can answer this call and help spread the Faith to our youth and young adults, as well as to many others who depend on us, by supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal

Your gifts help to fund formation programs that bring people closer to Christ. One such program is *Camp Quo Vadis* for our youth. This camp is so vital to the mission of the Church because it quenches the spiritual thirst that so many young people on Long Island experience. The more our young people seek out Christ and the more the Church helps them to navigate their journey—the better our future will be.



"The camp revitalizes the faith by helping young people understand who God is and develops their relationship with Him. It keeps young people close to God by learning more through the sacraments by offering Mass and time for Eucharistic Adoration. Seeing their faith grow and seeing faith through the eyes of our youth strengthens my faith."

There are many other ministries funded by the CMA that support the education of youth and young adults in addition to seminarians and those preparing for the Diaconate. I invite you to visit the website for the CMA to learn more about what the CMA does: <https://www.catholicministriesappeal.org/>.

Let us come together to spread the Good News to the people of God on Long Island so that we can build a solid foundation for the future of our Catholic Community.

Please know that I thank you for your consideration of this special request to make a gift to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. I remind you that no gift is too small, and every gift makes a difference in the lives of our young people - the now and the future of our Catholic Church.

Good News INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

The Most Holy Trinity

May 26, 2024: Dt 4:32-34,39-40 | Ps 33:4-6,9,12b,18-20,22 | Rom 8:14-17 | Mt 28:16-20

Pray: Heavenly Father, thank you for loving and guiding me through the Holy Trinity. Amen.

The Holy Trinity is a reminder to make loving, faith-sharing relationships.

Our Universal Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Trinity today. The Risen Christ's Great Commission to his disciples then and now commands: "Make disciples of all nations." We are comforted and inspired by Jesus' promise to always be with us, as this assignment is challenging!



Central to the Christian faith is belief in the one, true, Triune God, the Blessed Trinity – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This supernatural mystery of three persons in one God is a doctrine of our faith, first developed from Sacred Scripture and communal prayer of the early church and officially affirmed by the close of the fourth century. Through the Trinity's mystery, power, and love, God the Father stays in intimate communion with everyone baptized through Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Our God is generous, loving, and merciful. Having made us in His image, He seeks to draw us to Himself and make us more like Him each day in love and service to others. He supports and directs us through the mutual love shared by His Son and the love of the Holy Spirit. We can count on all three persons of the one true God in the Holy Trinity to help us in our relationships, face the world's challenges, reach our goal of heaven, and bring others to Christ's saving grace.

As Life-giver, God the Father is our Creator, authority, and powerful protector. His infinite and unconditional love directs our lives toward His perfect and holy will, always for the good of our soul and the good and salvation of humanity.

Jesus, the Son of God, is God the Father's gift to us to reveal Himself in the flesh. What we see and learn through Christ's life and teachings mirrors the love of God the Father. Jesus glorifies the Father, and He is the only way to eternal life with the Father.

The Holy Spirit is the divine Advocate promised by Jesus to come to dwell in us. By the Spirit, the Father and the Son live within us, enlightening our understanding and paths to

holiness, filling us with the gift of faith, and transforming our hearts and lives.

The Holy Trinity's example teaches us the value of relationships. Jesus, with the gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit, asks us to spread the Good News of God's love through our love and faith in action and our words of hope, truth, mercy, and peace.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † How have you experienced the presence of God the Father in your life? God the Son? God the Holy Spirit?
- † In your relationships at home, work, church, or serving in ministry, how do you model the unity of the Trinity as having one heart and soul?
- † How does the Holy Spirit help you to share the Gospel?

THE MYSTERY OF THE ASCENSION

What is the Ascension? The Ascension is an event in the life of Jesus and his original disciples, a feast day for Christians, a theology, and a spirituality, all woven together into one amorphous mystery that we too seldom try to unpack and sort out. What does the Ascension mean?

Among other things, it is a mystery that is strangely paradoxical. Here's the paradox: there is a wonderful life-giving gift in someone entering our lives, touching us, nurturing us, doing things that build us up, and giving life for us. But there's also a gift in the other eventually having to say goodbye to the way he or she has been present to us. Passing strange, there's also a gift in one's going away. Presence also depends upon absence. There's a blessing we can only give when we go away.

That's why Jesus, when bidding farewell to his friends before his ascension, spoke these words: "It's better for you that I go away. You will be sad now, but your sadness will turn to joy. Don't cling to me, I must ascend."

How might we understand these words? How can it be better that someone we love goes away? How can the sadness of a goodbye, of a painful leaving, turn to joy? How can a goodbye eventually bring us someone's deeper presence?

This is hard to explain, though we have experiences of this in our lives. Here's an example: When I was twenty-two years old, in the space of four months, my father and mother died, both still young. For myself and my siblings, the pain of their deaths was searing. Initially, as with every major loss, what we felt was pain, severance, coldness, helplessness, a new vulnerability, the loss of a vital life-connection, and the brute facticity of the definitiveness of death for which there is no adequate preparation. There's nothing warm, initially, in any loss, death, or painful goodbye.

Time, of course, is a great healer, but there's more to this than simply the fact that we become anaesthetized by the passage of time. After a while, and for me this took several years, I didn't feel cold anymore. My parents' deaths were no longer a painful thing. Instead their absence turned into a warm presence, the heaviness gave way to a certain lightness of soul, their seeming incapacity to speak to me now turned into a surprising new way of having their steady, constant presence in my life, and the blessing that they were never able to fully give me while they were alive began to seep ever more deeply and irrevocably into the very core of my person. The same was true for my siblings. Our sadness turned to joy and we began to find our parents again, in a deeper way, at a deeper place of soul, namely, in those places where their spirits had flourished while they were alive. They had ascended, and we were better for it.

We have this kind of experience frequently, just in less dramatic ways. Parents, for instance, experience this, often excruciatingly, when a child grows up and eventually goes away to start life on his or her own. A real death takes place and an ascension must happen. An old way of relating must die, painful as that death is. Yet, as we know, it's better that our children go away.

The same is true everywhere in life. When we visit someone, it's important that we come; it's also important that we leave. Our leaving, painful though it is, is part of the gift of our visit. Our presence depends partly on our absence.

And this must be carefully distinguished from what we mean by the axiom: *Absence makes the heart grow fonder*. For the most part, that's not true. Absence makes the heart grow fonder, but only for a while and mostly for the wrong reasons. Physical absence, simple distance from each other, without a deeper dynamic of spirit entering beneath, ends more relationships than it deepens. In the end, most of the time, we simply grow apart. That's not how the ascension deepens intimacy, presence, and blessing.

The ascension deepens intimacy by giving us a new presence, a deeper, richer one, but one which can only come about if our former way of being present is taken away. Perhaps we understand this best in the experience we have when our children grow up and leave home. It's painful to see them grow away from us. It's painful to have to say goodbye. *It's painful to let someone ascend.*

But, if their words could in fact say what their hearts intuit, they would say what Jesus said before his ascension: "It's better for you that I go away. There will be sadness now, but that sadness will turn to joy when, one day soon, I will be standing before you as an adult son or daughter who is now able to give you the much deeper gift of my adulthood."