



SS. PHILIP & JAMES

CATHOLIC PARISH

1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

(631) 584-5454

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



Jean-Hippolyte Flandrin. 1842-1848, Fresco. Church of Saint-Germain-des-Prés. Paris, France.

Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." - John 14:8

MASS TIMES

Weekday 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM

Saturday 9:15 AM, 5 PM (Vigil)

Sunday 8 AM (Live-streaming via Facebook), 10 AM, 12 NOON

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4 - 5 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 1:30 - 7 PM

The Parish Directory



Parish Information

GENERAL INFORMATION

Phone Number (631) 584-5454
 Parish Fax (631) 862-9675
 Website www.sspj.org
 Address 1 Carow Place
 St. James, NY 11780

Office Hours **Mon. & Thu. 9:30 AM - 5 PM**
Tue. & Wed. 9:30 AM - 8 PM
Fri. 9:30 AM - 1 PM

CLERGY

Pastor Rev. Sean Magaldi
 Associate Pastor Rev. Joe Lobo
 Associate Pastor Rev. Dennis Gannon
 Deacon John Keenan

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Sr. Theresita Donach, CSFN

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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 cczujko@sspj.org
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*Thank you for your generosity
 Financial Support Needed Weekly
 to meet Parish budget: \$16,700*

Weekly Collection - Sunday, April 7, 2025:

Collections from Weekend masses: \$13,413.00
 Faith Direct
 (126 Participants Weekly): \$ 3,374.00
Total Collection: \$16,787.00

Collection for the
 Missionary Sisters Of St. Benedict: \$ 4,597.00

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 Use SSPJ Parish code: NY232*

Sacraments and Sacramentals

SACRAMENTAL RECORDS

To request a copy of your certificate of Baptism, Marriage, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation please call the rectory.

OCIA

For adults looking to become Catholic or receive Confirmation, email Sister Theresita at srtheresita@sspj.org to ask about our OCIA program.



BAPTISM

Celebrated twice per month. Parents are asked to contact Sister Theresita at srtheresita@sspj.org for a Pre-Baptism Program.

RECONCILIATION

Available Saturdays from 4 - 5 pm in the Church or by contacting the rectory for an appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In case of serious, unexpected illness, please contact the rectory to arrange for a Priest to pray with the person who is ill.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

For First Holy Communion, second grade students are prepared to celebrate through Religious Ed or SSPJ School. For Confirmation, seventh and eighth grade students are prepared to celebrate through Religious Ed or SSPJ School. Adults prepare for both sacraments through OCIA.

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.

Please Remember Those Who Serve For Us In Your Prayers



LCDR Megan M. Shutka-Vik -USN | CAPT Wilson Marks -USN | CPT Michael T. Dolan Jr. -D.O, ARMY
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The Pastoral Letter from Rev. Sean Magaldi

My Dear Friends in Jesus Christ and Our Blessed Mother,

Monday, 4/14, there will be a confession in every Catholic Church on Long Island from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and then again from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. We will adhere to this schedule at SS. Philip and James, as well. If you have been away from the Church for a long time, I want to encourage you to come to confession. If you have been away from confession for a long time, I want to encourage you to go. We will be providing an examination of conscience to help you prepare for confession.

In confession, we unburden ourselves from the shame and guilt we carry with us. It usually makes us feel better both psychologically and spiritually. Before the Lord in confession, our honesty and vulnerability strip away the masks we wear in our everyday lives. It allows us to be before God as we are and experience His love and mercy. He doesn't run from us but instead runs towards us. We are healed and can become who He created us to be. Do not fear the confessional; we are here to work with you and help you. Finally, I want to reiterate something I always say: I go to confession too. I went the day that I wrote this. Don't be afraid to experience God's love and His freedom.

In other news, Fr. Joe has been named administrator of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Centereach. Fr. Joe will still be living at SS. Philip and James will have the occasional Mass. Please keep Fr. Joe in your prayers.

In Christ,
Fr. Sean

Altar Memorials, Prayer Intentions, Mass Intentions and Schedule

THE BREAD AND WINE ARE OFFERED IN MEMORY OF

Please contact the rectory at (631) 584-5454 to request a memorial.

THE PRO-LIFE ROSE IS DEDICATED TO

Please contact the rectory at (631) 584-5454 to request a memorial.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

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

Louis Fabiano, Maria Lee, Margaret Remhild, Samya Salama, Barbara Hobbes, Michael Mattia, Michael Scorca, Grayson Danielski, Alan Piscak, Ann Marie, Amanda Rose Critella, Amanda Cacoperdo, Benito Fernandez, Carmela Montesano, Donna Fabrizio, David Beleck, Brittany Lundberg, Ed Ceraso, Edward Luna, Jessie Lokai, John V Leone, Kathleen Martin, Kerry Larry, Mia Mednick, Patrice Henry, Rose Bruno, Rob Remhild, Ronnie Reichert, Stephanie Seban, Tonia Perdue, Joan Cooper, Tim Tippett, Madeline Kelley, Diane Toto, Phillip Giarrupeto, Judy Hanrahan, Mary Di Carlo, Patricia Schecher, Nora Danko, Joanna Szymanski, Luke Salvatore Montesano, Anthony D'Angelis, Katie Hobbes, Leon Donach, Paul Robertelli, Scott Jaworowski

THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE BURNING IN MEMORY OF

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THE SANCTURARY LAMP IS LIT IN MEMORY OF

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<i>Saturday, April 12th</i>	Reconciliation 4:00-5:00pm Cantor: Murtha Lector: Burke/Dias EMs: Damato/Mantia/Sisti/Drechsler/Ruggieri	9:15am 5:00pm	Antoinette Lamberti Joseph Caltabiano
<i>Sunday, April 13th</i>	Cantor: Meringolo Lector: Merlino/Carey EMs: Koke/Portanova/Ramos/Schne/Tully Cantor: Lohmann Lector: Franco/Doran EMs: Calderone/Luna/Suski/Mulhall/Orlando/Sotomayer Cantor: Hill Lector: Gebbia/O'Connor EMs: Rubano/Bleggi/Chilton/Rubano	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	For the People of SSPJ Parish Maria Fazio <u>Collective Mass</u> George A. Fabian, Antoinette Lamberti, Tina Cafaro, Michael Colletta, Michael Hubbard & Alva Hubbard
<i>Monday, April 14th</i>	Adoration 1:30-7:00pm In the Church Confession 2 - 4 pm and 6 - 9 pm in the Church	7:30am 9:15am	Mario Picarazzi Diane Marascia
<i>Tuesday, April 15th</i>		7:30am 9:15am	For the Pope Lucille Ceo
<i>Wednesday, April 16th</i>		7:30am 9:15am	William & Dorothy Hannigan Grace Dennehy Perisi
<i>Thursday, April 17th</i>		9:15am 7:00pm	Morning Prayer Mass of the Lord's Supper
<i>Friday, April 18th</i>		9:15am 3:00pm	Morning Prayer Passion Liturgy
<i>Saturday, April 19th</i>	Reconciliation 4:00-5:00pm Cantor: Hill	9:15am 9:45am 7:00pm	Morning Prayer Blessing of Easter Bread For the Pope
<i>Sunday, April 20th</i>	Cantor: Meringolo Cantor: Cazzaniga Cantor: Feeney	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	For the People of SSPJ Parish For the Pope For the Souls in Purgatory



A Weekly Reflection from
SR. THERESITA DONACH, CSFN

Dear Friends,

Today I received this note from God, via email!

Theresita, God wants you to know that God is crazy about you.

God sends you fresh flowers every spring, and a breathtaking sunrise every morning. If God had a wallet, your picture would be in it. If God had a refrigerator, your childhood scribbles would be on it.



I was so delighted to read this, that I could not help but share it with you. We do not often think about God being crazy about us. Yet I am sure that when He entered Jerusalem on the Sunday, which we now call Palm Sunday, there were great shouts of Joy. Amid all the excitement and waving of palms and cheerful shouting Jesus knew the tide would change in a few short days. Yet He was crazy about you then and now!

We know the story well, perhaps too well and sometimes we can become numb to it. The shouts of Hosanna from Palm Sunday turn to shouts of Crucify Him, Crucify Him on Good Friday. Yet Jesus, God made man, was willing to die for you, for me, for us, because He is crazy about us!

I am suggesting that from Palm Sunday to Good Friday you reflect on all that God, all that Jesus did for us because He is crazy about us. Take the time to let it sink in, believe it, and cherish the fact that you are deeply loved. Name some of the things that God does for you because He is crazy about you. I hope you get as excited as I did when I was reminded that God is crazy about me!

Happy Palm Sunday.

**Till next week,
Sister Theresita**

Masses/Services During Holy Week

The Parish Office will be closed from 12 Noon on Holy Thursday until 9 AM Tuesday, April 22nd.

Confessions - Monday, April 14th

2:00-4:00 PM, 7:00-9:00 PM

Holy Thursday - April 17th

9:15 AM
Morning Prayer

7:00 PM
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday - April 18th

9:15 AM
Morning Prayer

3:00 PM
Passion of Our Lord

7:00 PM
Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday - April 19th

9:15 AM
Morning Prayer

9:30 AM
Blessing of the Easter Bread

7:00 PM
Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday - April 20th

8:00 AM
Mass

10:00 AM
Mass

12:00 NOON
Mass



Parish Social Ministry

WE REMEMBER, ALL THOSE WHO ARE SAFELY HOME IN THE ARMS OF JESUS

Please contact the Office of Parish Social Ministr, (631) 584-5454 to request a memorial.



OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

We are fully stocked – Thank you!

SENIORS

The next Senior meeting will be held on April 28, 2025. From 1:30-3:30 PM in the Sts. Philip & James room. Please join us for an afternoon of faith, friendship, and fun.

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.



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

LENTEN OPPORTUNITY

During the days of the Holy Week Triduum, Morning Prayer will be held at 9:15 AM in the Church. It is a wonderful way in which to prepare yourself for the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

LENT

Loving God, during the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to You. Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

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Earth is crying out. The poor are crying out. The existence and well-being of future generations are threatened. This constitutes a strong and urgent call to conversion in all dimensions of life – an integral ecological conversion infused with Gospel nonviolence.

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

You are never alone

AA 24 Hour Hotline	(631) 669-1124
Al-Anon	(631) 669-2827
Birthright	(631) 821-9727
Child Abuse	(800) 342-3720
Dept. of Social Services	(631) 854-2300
Domestic Violence	
-Brighter Tomorrow	(631) 395-1800
-Vibes	(631) 360-3607
-The Retreat	(631) 329-2200
LI Against Domestic Violence	(631) 666-8833
Elder Abuse	(631) 761-7470
Food Stamps	(631) 789-9546
Gamblers Anonymous	(855) 222-5542
Good Shepherd Hospice	(631) 376-3758
Mental Health Emergency	(631) 952-3333
Narcotics Anonymous	(631) 689-6262
Nassau/Suffolk Law	(631) 232-2400
Poison Control	(516) 542-2323
Hope House	(631) 473-6030
Office for the Aging	(631) 853-8200
Overeaters Anonymous	(631) 260-6615
Rachel's Hope-Post Abortion	(888) 456-4673
Suicide Hotline	(631) 751-7500

Music Ministry

PALM SUNDAY REFLECTION FROM MUSIC DIRECTOR MARGARET ADAMS

Give us the courage to follow Jesus even when it's not easy. Help us to totally commit ourselves to Jesus. Palm Sunday is here. The start of Holy Week is upon us. Holy Week is filled with special music, all chosen to reflect the themes of the Mass and Morning Prayer.

We end Palm Sunday with the spiritual "Were You There". We remember and make the story our own. Christ's suffering and death. Darkness into light. Imagine what it must have been like that 1st Good Friday if you "were there".

STAINED GLASS CLUB MINISTRY

I am delighted to advise you that we will once again have the Stained Glass Club here at SSPJ. John Garvey, with the assistance of the Knights of Columbus, is reconstructing a new club location in the basement of the Bethany Center. I would like to thank John for his enthusiasm and agreement to chair the Stained Glass Club. More information will be forthcoming in future issues of the Bulletin.

-Fr. Sean



Students from our Everyone *NeEds* Jesus program celebrated their First Communion and Confirmation with Fr. Sean as they continued their journey with Jesus and the Holy Spirit!



PARISHIONERS WANTED!!!



S.S. P.J. VS St. Pat's

The First Inaugural Elite 8

Curling Tournament

Which parish will take home “The Sir Stanley Frost Cup”?

The first 16 parishioners to sign up from each parish will entered into the Curling Tournament. No experience is necessary for lessons will be provided.

1. Each parish will be split into 4 teams of 4 = 8 teams in total. (32 people)
2. The 4 SSPJ teams will compete against each other, while the 4 St. Pat's teams are squaring off.
3. The 2 winning squads will play for the Lord Stanly Frost Cup, while the losing teams continue to play each other throughout the event.

The Curling Tournament is Saturday, May 17th at 9:00 -11:30 am.

Location is the Sports Hub / 165 Eileen Way / Syosset, NY 11791

The event will cost \$65/ athlete: Checks made to St. Patrick's Church and sent to Brooke Bonomi/ 11Evon Lane / St. James, NY /11780

The events will last 2.5 hours. This will include lessons and rules instruction.

For more information contact Brooke Bonomi at (631) 560-8693

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646-573-9014**

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Save The Date July 9th, 2025



The Annual KofC Charity Golf Outing at Crab Meadow Golf Course in Northport.

Our Pastor, Father Sean Magaldi is this year's Honoree.

Father Sean, from Albertson, Nassau County, graduated from Chaminade HS and Adelphi University. He entered the Seminary in 2010 and was ordained in June 2015. He was first assigned to St Patrick's Parish in Smithtown. Fr Sean was later appointed Vocations Director for the Diocese of Rockville Center. In 2021, he was appointed Chaplain at Stony Brook University and Director of Campus Ministry, while continuing as Vocations Director. Fr Sean was appointed as the 12th pastor of Sts Philip and James Parish in 2024 and remains Chaplain at SBU and Director of SBU Campus Ministry. Our Council welcomes Fr Sean as this year's Golf Outing Honoree.



All proceeds support local charities: Food Pantries, Food For Families, Coats For Kids, The Light House Mission, SSPJ Parish Outreach, Veterans, and more.

1:30 PM Shot Gun Start - \$225 per golfer. Come out and play a round for charity.

Golf, Cart, Driving Range, Lunch, Dinner, Beer, Wine, Soda, Dessert, Great Prizes, Raffles

T Sign Sponsors - \$100, **Lunch Sponsors** - \$1000, **Dinner Sponsor** - \$2000,

Sponsors for Beverages on the Course - \$1000.

Sponsor the Welcome Bags - promote your business with a donation to purchase or provide a bag, sleeve of golf balls, hat, towel, tees, etc., with your name/logo on them, given to each golfer.

Sponsor Golfing Prizes - closest to the pin, etc.; **Sponsor Prizes for the Silent Raffle.**

All Sponsors will be recognized by a sign on the Course, listed in the SSPJ Bulletin after the outing, and on our web site. *Sponsor donations are tax-deductible as advertising.*

Members and participants are strongly encouraged to patronize our business sponsors.

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Content on sign: _____

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Contact: Stephen Yazulla to discuss Outing and Sponsorship details.
631-806-5534; syazulla@gmail.com.

Please copy Stephen by email, send Checks and the completed Form to:
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P.O. Box 201,
St James, NY 11780



SSPJ Drama Club

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Tickets for Mary Poppins Jr. are now on sale!

Tickets

Adults \$10.00

Children (12 and under) \$5.00

Friday: May 16, 2025 @ 7:00 pm #Adults:_____ #Children_____

Saturday: May 17, 2025 @ 7:00 pm #Adults:_____ #Children_____

Family Name: _____

Total: \$_____ Phone# _____

Please make checks payable to: SSPJ School

Mail/drop off at SSPJ School, 359 Clinton Ave., St. James, NY 11780

Place in the collection basket at Church

Place in the mail slot at the Parish Center

Thank you.

ALL PURCHASED TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR THE NIGHT OF THE SHOW

Reconciliation Monday 2025

Monday, April 14

2:00–4:00 P.M. | 6:00–9:00 P.M.

Experience the liberating grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance). Confessions will be available in every Catholic church in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.



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My Weekly Gospel Reflection for Grades 1-8 for Palm Sunday

MY NAME IS _____ MY GRADE IS _____ SSPJ SCHOOL _____

Please bring this to mass with you next weekend.



I Wonder...

Try to picture yourself in the story.
Where are you? What can you see, hear, smell, feel?

I wonder where you are in this story. Can you draw yourself in the story?

A large, empty rounded rectangle with a double-line border, intended for drawing oneself in the story.

I wonder what your favourite part of this story is. Write or draw it here.

A large, empty rounded rectangle with a double-line border, intended for writing or drawing the favorite part of the story.

Gospel Reflection

Holy Thursday– Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Year C

April 17, 2025

Gospel - John 13: 1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father.

He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end.

The devil had already induced Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, to hand him over.

So, during supper, fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God,

he rose from supper and took off his outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him,

"Master, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later."

Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet."

Jesus answered him, "Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me."

Simon Peter said to him, "Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well."

Jesus said to him, "Whoever has bathed has no need except to have his feet washed, for he is clean all over; so you are clean, but not all." For he knew who would betray him; for this reason, he said, "Not all of you are clean."

So when he had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you?

You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am.

If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reflection Process

- ◆ Prayer to the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ One person of the group reads the Gospel.
- ◆ Each person in turn chooses an echo (a phrase that calls your attention or speaks to the heart).
- ◆ Each person shares a story or an experience of why they chose that echo.
- ◆ Each person makes a short prayer of promise (something practical you are going to do as a result of reflecting on this Gospel.)

Gospel Reflection

The Resurrection of the Lord, Easter Sunday - Year C

April 20, 2025

Gospel - John 20: 1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

On the first day of the week,
Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning,
while it was still dark,
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.
So she ran and went to Simon Peter
and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,
"They have taken the Lord from the tomb,
and we don't know where they put him."
So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.
They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter
and arrived at the tomb first;
he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.
When Simon Peter arrived after him,
he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there,
and the cloth that had covered his head,
not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.
Then the other disciple also went in,
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,
and he saw and believed.
For they did not yet understand the Scripture
that he had to rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reflection Process

- ◆ **Pray** a simple prayer to the Holy Spirit: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."
- ◆ **Read** the passage slowly. As you listen, ask in silence, "Lord, what are you saying to me in this passage?"
- ◆ **Listen** for a word or phrase that calls your attention or touches your heart.
- ◆ **Share** a brief story or experience of how the word or phrase connects to your life at this moment.
- ◆ **Ask** in silence, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" Share what Jesus is inviting you to do.