

# SS. PHILIP & JAMES

CATHOLIC PARISH

1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

(631) 584-5454

## March 2, 2025 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Christ Crucified between the Two Thieves (The Three Crosses), Rembrandt c. 1650,  
National Gallery of Art, Washington D.C. United States.*

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](http://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

Phone Number (631) 584-3204

### GRADE LEVEL COORDINATORS

Grades 1-3 Charlotte Czujko  
 cczujko@sspj.org

Grades 4-6 Barbara Luna  
 bluna@sspj.org

Grades 7-8 Dominick Avento  
 davento@sspj.org

### MUSIC DIRECTOR

Margaret Adams

### COORDINATOR OF PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Lynn Sisti

### DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

Sandra Rago

### DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES

John Cordes

### SSPJ SCHOOL

Principal Diane M. Anderson  
 Phone Number (631) 584-7896  
 School Fax (631) 584-3258

### TRUSTEES

Brendan McGovern  
 Jennine Cullen

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Michael Sharkey Lou Guerra  
 Cynthia Lombardi Paul Damato  
 Lisa Keane Maureen Burke  
 Nancy Sanders Peter Suski  
 Sheila Cavooris

*Thanking you for your generosity  
 Financial Support Needed weekly to  
 meet Parish budget: \$16,700*

**Weekly Collection: Sunday, February 23rd, 2025:**  
 Collections from Weekend masses: \$13,082.00  
 Faith Direct  
 (126 Participants Weekly): \$ 3,374.00  
**Total Collection: \$16,456.00**

**FAITH DIRECT:**  
**VISIT SSPJ.ORG CLICK ON FAITH DIRECT ICON**  
**USING 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](mailto:srtheresita@sspj.org) to ask about our OCIA program. Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (non-Catholic adults desiring to become Catholic) are asked to contact the rectory.



### BAPTISM

Celebrated twice per month. Parents are asked to contact Sister Theresita at [srtheresita@sspj.org](mailto: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, CAPT. MICHAEL T. DOLAN JR. -D.O, US ARMY, LT. COL. JOHN KAIREAS, SPC. NICOLE A. CANNON, SGM. MICHAEL P. BORRELLI -US ARMY, CAPT. JOHN TULLY -USN, LT. COL. JAMES TULLY -US ARMY, JOSEPH SAGGIO -USNC, CAPTAIN PAUL WILLMS, STAFF SGT. MICHAEL LONGHENRY, LT. COL. PAUL T. JACKSON, STAFF SGT ALEXANDER PARRELLA -USAF, RICHARD SOTOMAYER -USAF, SGT. CORY O'HARA -USMC, SGT. CONNOR F. SCOTT -USMC, PFC. CHARLES CHRISTOPHER HOWELL, STEVEN CAVA-USN. ERIC SEELIN -USMC, CW2 CHRIS MUNZ, CW2 NATASHA WORTMAN, CORPORAL JAMES T. CASEY -USMC, SGT. JOSHUA MAHONEY -US ARMY, KEVIN JONES -USCG, PRIVATE JOSHUA OLSEN -USARNG, GLEN CRIMA -US ARMY, LARISSA DORRIAN -US MARINE CPL, RYAN ANTHONY NASCIMENTO -USMC, KYLE ANTHONY NASCIMENTO -US ARMY, ENS. RYAN M. SHOWS -USN, STAFF SGT. RYAN REXRODE -USMC, DR. KARA VANDEKIEFT, COL. -USAF, SGT. STEPHEN D. OUTCAULT -USMC, PAUL MUMOLO -USN, VICTORIA ZEMAN, USCG, KYLE J. GRUNER -US ARMY, MARK GIORDANO -US COASTGUARD, KELLI MCLAUGHLIN -LT. US ARMY NATL.GUARD, 1 LT MICHAEL J BANG -MILITARY INTELLIGENCE US ARMY, MATTHEW PATRICK GALLAGHER -US ARMY, LT. COMMANDER CHRISTOPHER SHANK MD, MARIO CATANIA -USMC, MIDN ERIN NICASTRO -USNA, MLDN KATE NICASTRO -USNA, MAJ. BRENDAN JOHNSTON -USAF, CHRISTOPHER A. HIONIDIS -USAF, MICHAEL HIONIDIS -USM, EMMETT MOLONEY -USN, HANK MOLONEY -USAF, CARL JOSEPHSON -USAF, DANIEL JOSEPHSON -USAF, CONNOR TOOMEY -USM LT., SAMANTHA JOSEPHSON -USAF, RICHARD WULFORST, III -USA ANG, JAMES A KOESTER -USA 2ND LT.

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## The Pastoral Letter from Rev. Sean Magaldi

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My Dear Friends in Jesus Christ and Our Blessed Mother,

The season of Lent is upon us, a beautiful opportunity for renewal and reflection. We have some inspiring activities planned that will enhance your Lenten journey. First and foremost, we are excited to bring back FORMED, from the Augustine Institute, which offers a wealth of Catholic content—think of it as a Catholic Netflix. FORMED serves as a digital gateway to enriching materials that can be accessed anywhere, anytime, whether on smartphones, tablets, computers, or smart TVs.

This resource is designed to help individuals and groups deepen their faith, with programs available for marriage, baptism, Bible studies, and so much more. Signing up is simple: just visit the link and enter the parish address, and then you can create your account.

Alongside FORMED, we will have a Lenten prayer book from the Augustine Institute available in the last pews. These books are free for the taking. We will also place a kiosk featuring Lenten books for sale in the back of the church. The Parish Council will guide a Lenten Reflection Group on Saturday, March 15, after the 5 PM Mass, and again on Sunday, March 30, following the 12 PM Mass.

Please keep an eye on the bulletin for additional confession times and opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration. I encourage everyone to participate in Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays from 1:30 PM to 7 PM. May God bless you as we embark on this holy season together.

In Christ,  
Fr. Sean

To sign up for FORMED, use this link: <https://signup.formed.org/>  
or use this QR Code:





# Altar Memorials, Prayer Intentions, Mass Intentions and Schedule

**THE BREAD AND WINE ARE OFFERED IN MEMORY OF**

Marie Campano,

Till we meet again. Forever in my heart, Virginia

**THE PRO-LIFE ROSE IS DEDICATED TO**

The loving memory and honor of Marie Campano, for the life and love you shared with us, Love, Virginia

**THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE BURNING IN MEMORY OF**

Our Nanny, Marie Campano,

Always in our hearts, Thomas & Brittany

**THE SANCTURARY LAMP IS LIT IN MEMORY OF**

Our Nanny, Marie Campano,

Your love remains with us, Peter & Arianna

**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, Ann Bayard, Michael Mattia, Michael Scorca, Grayson Danielski, Alan Piscak, Ann Marie, Amanda Rose Critella, Amanda Cacerdo, Benito Fernandez, Brenden Toomey, 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, Raymond Grayson, Stephanie Seban, Tina Cafaro, Tonia Perdue, Joan Cooper, Tim Tippett, Baby Luca, Madeline Kelley, Diane Toto, Phillip Giarrupeto, Judy Hanrahan, Mary Di Carlo, Patricia Schecher

<i>Saturday, March 1st</i>	Reconciliation 4:00-5:00pm Cantor: McCulloh Lector: Burke/Student Lector EMs: Duffy/Sisti/Anderson/Ruggieri/Byrne	9:15am 5:00pm	Kaitlyn Remitils Gerald Cook
<i>Sunday, March 2nd</i>	Cantor: Meringolo Lector: Cavooris/White EMs: Kenney/Dervan/Diaz/McGrath/La Serra Cantor: Hill Lector: Contrino/Cullen EMs: Rizzo/Calderone/Consenz/Amen/Luna/Sotomayer Cantor: Lupinacci Lector: Kenton/Doran EMs: Kaleita/Conti/Stack/Suski/Latino	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	For the People of SSPJ Parish Thomas Focone <u>Collective Mass</u> Burke Samson, Cosmo Mazzone, Nelzy Kucieh, Tina Sanders, Stephanie Eagle (Living)
<i>Monday, March 3rd</i>	Adoration 1:30-7:00pm In the Church	7:30am	Marie Campano
<i>Tuesday, March 4th</i>		9:15am 7:30am	Kenneth Maher Jr. Jennifer Zeman (Living)
<i>Wednesday, March 5th</i>	Please see the Ash Wednesday schedule	9:15am 7:30am	Kenneth Maher Jr. William Sammon
<i>Thursday, March 6th</i>		9:15am 7:30am	Antony Corroya For the Bishop
<i>Friday, March 7th</i>		9:15am 7:30am	For the Pope For the Church
<i>Saturday, March 8th</i>	Reconciliation 4:00-5:00pm Cantor: Feeney Lector: Halluska/Student Lector EMs: Taurassi/Drechsler/Duffy/Toto/Ruggieri	9:15am 5:00pm	William Lawrence Marjorie Richter James Matthew Klouda
<i>Sunday, March 9th</i>	Lector: Czujko/Dervan EMs: Rizzo/Ramos/Sica/Tully/Tully Cantor: Hill Lector: Sehne/DeRosa EMs: Suski/Keane/Luna/Conti/Napolitano/Mulhall Cantor: Hill Lector: Suski/Franco EMs: Samson/Latino/Bleggi/Orlando	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	For the People of SSPJ Parish Maria Fazio <u>Collective Mass</u> Kenneth Maher Jr., Lillian Picano, Ruth Fortunato



*A Weekly Reflection from*  
**SR. THERESITA DONACH, CSFN**

**Dear Friends,**

I ask you to say a little prayer for my mom, today would have been her 102nd birthday. She died at a very early age but taught the three of us many wonderful ways to be and live. We were blessed. Make sure you take the opportunity to thank your parents for all they have taught you. If they have passed, offer a prayer, and tell them how grateful you are.

This week as we continue to pray for the Pope, I want to offer you something a woman shared with us during our reflection session at the parish. As we were praying and sharing some of Pope Frances thoughts for the Jubilee year, Denise shouts out “It just came to me what HOPE stands for:

- H- heaven
- O – opens
- P – possibilities
- E – everywhere, and for everyone”

I truly believe that this came from the Holy Spirit. This message sends us forth during this year as pilgrims of HOPE with many possibilities. What is important is that we come to know hope as active not passive. Hope moves us toward action, and trusting in God’s love and guidance for us, hope leads us forward. More than ever, we need to trust in God’s promises. No matter what challenges we may be going through God’s love and mercy will prevail. But we need to stay awake and make the journey; of building bridges and not walls, caring for those who are less fortunate, and coming to recognize the dignity of each individual.

To do this and move forward we first need to look at ourselves and work on the healing we may need. The more we can love and forgive ourselves then the more we can come to understand others. Our kindness and love flow from a heart that has been wounded and healed by a loving God.

As we get ready to begin Lent, take a serious look at how you may be living out this year of HOPE. Do you use every opportunity to bring the spirit of hope and joy to others? Are you moving forward despite the challenges you might be facing, or are you frozen in time? We cannot be all things to all people, but we can try to live a hope filled life that will help Heaven Open Possibilities Everywhere and for Everyone! May your journey be blessed. Let us continue to keep our Holy Father in prayer.

**Till next week,  
 Sister Theresita**







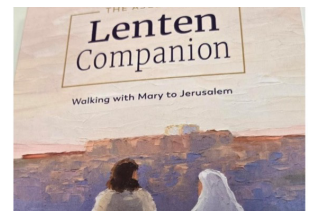
**ASH  
WEDNESDAY**

- 7:30 am: Mass
- 9:15 am: Mass
- 12:00 pm: Service
- 3:00 pm: Service
- 5:00 pm: Service
- 7:00 pm: Mass

SSPJ Faith Sharing Group



**Will be meeting the Wednesdays of Lent from 10-11 starting March 12th. All are welcome to join and there are books still available for this Lenten journey, Walking with Mary to Jerusalem.**



**Watch  
live & on  
demand.**



[www.cfntv.org](http://www.cfntv.org)

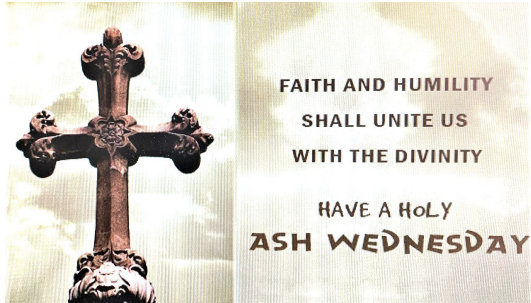
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# Parish Social Ministry

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

Please contact the Office of Parish Social ministry, (631) 584-5454



**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.*

Welcome to the season of Lent which begins on Wed. March 5th this week. Let us approach this time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving with the joy filled hope of making this the best Lent ever! Watch for the new KIOSK in the church lobby. Items on this kiosk are to help you on your Lenten journey. They are greatly discounted to make them affordable. As part of your Lenten prayer and to start off your Lenten journey, please consider joining our group at 8 AM Mon. thru Fri. to pray the rosary.



## 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**

## OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

- Paper Towels
- Canned Pink Salmon



## SENIORS

Senior Meeting will be held on March 10 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm in the Philip & James Room. All seniors are welcome to join for an afternoon of faith, fun, and friendship.

## LAUDATO SI

To help care for our common home, consider paying your bills online. It's quick and convenient and reduces paper use. Choosing to receive bills, bank statements and the like electronically can save a huge number of trees, and in that way help to mitigate greenhouse emissions.

## 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



**Child of God Honors**  
February 2025



**Nursery**

**Jake Demonda** is a Child of God. Jake walks into our classroom with a sweet smile and ready to start his day! He completes his morning work and shows his classmates how to get ready for prayers. Jake enjoys attending Mass with his buddy and on the weekends with his family. He works hard everyday on all activities and loves to be with his friends in Nursery!

**Pre-Kindergarten**

**Isabella Fassler** is a Child of God. Isabella walks into school everyday with her older sister Anastasia and is always sure to say, “goodbye and have a good day” as they part to start their day. She greets everyone she meets with a smile and kindness. Isabella often tells her teachers about the wonderful things her classmates have done. She gives help and encouragement to her classmates modeling to all how a Child of God shows grace and love for others.

**Kindergarten**

**Edward Stefanowski** is a Child of God. Eddie lives his life in a way that reflects his love for God. He always greets others with a smile, shows kindness to everyone, helps his classmates with their work, and says his prayers loud and proud. His heart is full of joy, and it shows through in the way he loves and serves those around him.

**Grade 1**

**Reed Tomanelli-Corso** is a Child of God. Reed sets a great example for his classmates as he is always working hard and being kind to his friends. He is always ready to start the next thing in class. Reed loves to ask inquisitive questions about his faith.

**Grade 2**

**Gavin Morosky** is a Child of God. He is a natural leader in the classroom, striving to make his teacher proud. During our weekly Masses, he demonstrates reverence and attentiveness. Gavin is a confident and motivated student, consistently delivering high-quality work and maintaining a strong work ethic.

**Grade 3**

**Emily Sidoli** is a Child of God. Emily is a hard worker who tries her best each day. She is reverent during prayers and loves to sing during Mass each week. She always encourages her friends and has empathy for others. She loves to showcase her talents as a member of the cheer club. Emily is truly a disciple of Jesus.

**Grade 4**

**James Waldmann** is a Child of God. James loves to be helpful in his community and his classroom. He enjoys working with his peers and sharing his ideas. James has completed his altar server training and has been recently inducted as a new altar server. James is eager to serve in weekly Masses and on the weekends. James enjoys when Father Gannon visits his classroom for lessons. James is reverent during Mass and prayers. He also enjoys singing in the school choir. James is a wonderful example of a Child of God.

**Grade 5**

**Gabriella Scott** is a Child of God. She is always reverent during morning and afternoon prayer. She actively participates in the weekly Mass and is a wonderful role model to her Nursery Buddy. In addition, Gabriella proudly volunteers to bring up the gifts at our grade level Masses. In the classroom, Gabriella is always willing to help her teachers and classmates with a smile. She is thoughtful and compassionate. She demonstrates outstanding effort when studying her faith. She enjoys examining the sacred artwork and reflecting on the gospel. Gabriella always has insightful questions for Father Gannon and enjoys when he visits our classroom. Gabriella exemplifies what it means to be a Child of God.

**Grade 6**

**Donovan DiIorio** is a Child of God. Not only is he extremely reverent during Mass and religious times of the day, Donovan shows his passion for our faith through consistent participation. From asking questions to Father Gannon, to volunteering daily to read from Matthew’s Gospel, Donovan is able to showcase his knowledge and understanding of our faith. Donovan is a very bright young man, who always makes sure his homework and assignments are completed to the best of his ability. Furthermore, he extends this knowledge to his classmates, where he is able to help his peers during classwork.

**Grade 7**

**Ariella Charles** is a Child of God. This is Ariella's second time being recognized as a Child of God. She is not only an altar server, but also readily volunteers for other acts of service, such as bringing up the gifts at Mass and selling snacks during lunch time. She is an excellent role model to her Mass buddy and classmates in her reverent participation at Mass and classroom prayer. Ariella bravely speaks up against mistreatment of others and other injustices that she sees. Her courage is admirable.

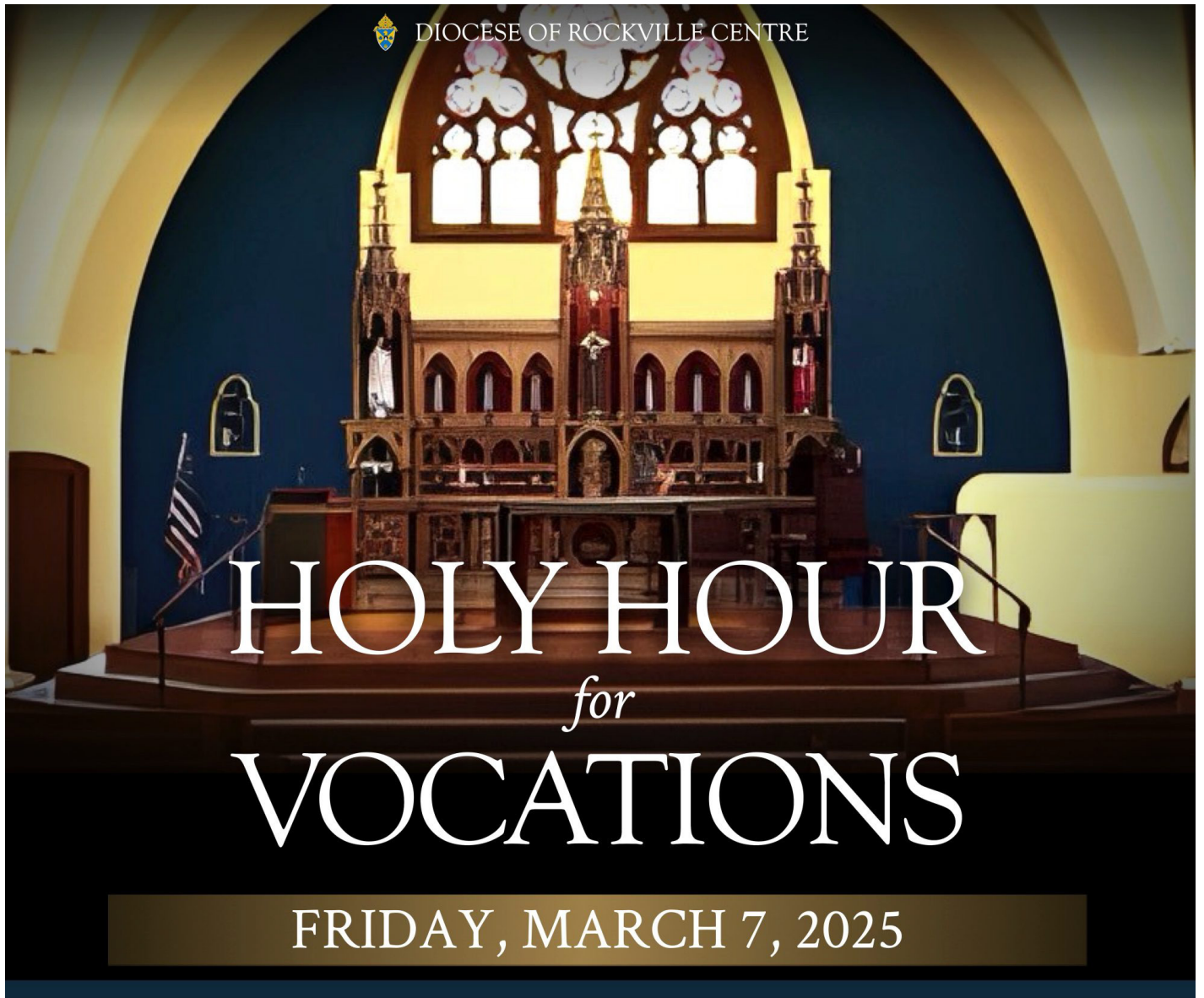
**Grade 8**

**Francesca Scott** is a Child of God. Francesca has consistently demonstrated a remarkable level of respect for her teachers and peers, always showing kindness and consideration in every interaction. In school, Francesca always puts forth her best effort, excelling in all areas. When not working on her academics, Francesca plays basketball, volunteers to help with the Owl cheer team, and recently joined the Senior Choir. Francesca shows she is a follower of Jesus with every interaction throughout each day.

**Faculty**

**Mr. Zarb** is a Child of God. Mr. Zarb is our 5th & 6th grade ELA/SS teacher. He is kind, considerate & grateful every day for the simplest deeds that he receives. He is a wonderful role model to all students, they speak very highly of him. Mr. Zarb is well respected by the faculty and staff. He has graciously signed up to work at our after care program. Mr. Zarb recently attended his class grade Mass, exemplifying what it is to be a Child of God.

 DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE



# HOLY HOUR *for* VOCATIONS

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025

## Church of St. John the Evangelist

25 Ocean Avenue, Center Moriches, NY 11934



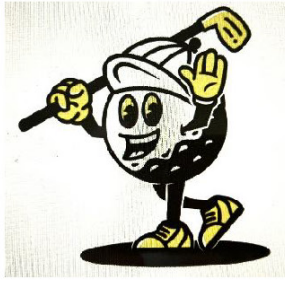
*with* **Guest Homilist**  
**Father Louis Cona**

Associate Pastor  
Church of St. Patrick  
Smithtown, NY



[drvcvocations.com](http://drvcvocations.com) DOORS AT 7:00PM | BEGINS AT 7:30PM





**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Sts. Philip and James Council #12839

**Save The Date July 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

Amount of donation: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number / Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of sponsorship \_\_\_\_\_  
Content on sign: \_\_\_\_\_  
For us to use your logo or business card, please enclose or send it to me as a pdf.

If you plan to play golf, please provide: Name – Phone – Email  
\_\_\_\_\_

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:  
SSPJ KofC #12839 [Golf Outing]  
P.O. Box 201,  
St James, NY 11780



## Music Ministry

### WEEKLY REFLECTION FROM MUSIC DIRECTOR MARGARET ADAMS

This weekend is the Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time. The last Sunday before Lent. What's in a word? Our theme this weekend. Words can be used for good or evil. Be careful how you use them. We want to end this weekend before Lent with joy and alleluia so we have Seek Ye First, the Presentation, and All Creatures of Our God and King as the Sending Forth, both filled with alleluia's.

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, The start of Lent. Lent is a time of repentance and change of heart. First the color will change to purple, the color of Lent. There is no sung or spoken Gloria and no alleluia until Easter. The Mass parts will be chanted just as we did during Advent.

What will you give up for Lent? What acts of kindness will you do?

Think about it. I know I will be thinking about it.

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

the sign up sheet for the EM's for the Ash Wednesday Masses has been placed in the cabinet in the Prayer Room.

**Our REO students are using some elbow grease and working hard to keep our Church beautiful!**







# Pray for Pope Francis

## PRAYER FOR THE HEALING OF POPE FRANCIS

*Loving and merciful God, we implore You  
to look kindly upon Your servant, Pope Francis,  
Touch him with your compassion and consolation.  
Restore his health and renew his strength  
in mind, body, and spirit.*

*Surround him with your peace  
and the support of the prayers of your holy people.*

*We place Pope Francis in your healing love  
through the doctors, nurses,  
and medical professionals who take care of him.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us.*

*(By Jose F. Cardinal Advincula, Archbishop of Manila)*



# What are you doing for Lent?

10 IDEAS FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL LENTEN SEASON

## 1. Give up sin

Show your love for God by keeping his commandments. Turn away from sins.

## 2. Fast

An empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. Give the money you saved on food to others in alms.



## 3. Pray

Be in constant prayer. Pray for your family and friends, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.

## 4. Do good works

Help those in need. Pray for them and be ready to serve them in their time of need.



## 5. Give alms

Help the poor and support the good works of the Church. Give cheerfully to God who has given us everything we have.



## 6. Abstain

Give up meat or other desirable foods during Lent, especially on Friday, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross.



## 7. Do meditative reading

Nourish your faith by spending time in quiet reading and reflection. Prayerful reading of God's word each day will open your heart to the Spirit, and let God's thoughts and ways influence yours.

## 8. Control desire for possessions

Build up treasures in heaven rather than on earth. Cut down on material possessions, eliminate frills, lessen wants, share yourself – your time and your talents – with others.

## 9. Control desire for entertainment

Too much entertainment and other distractions can lead to less or no time for the works of the Lord.

## 10. Carry out duties in life

Serve God by living out your vocation in love each day. God is calling each of us to be a living sacrifice. Offer your daily life through Christ!

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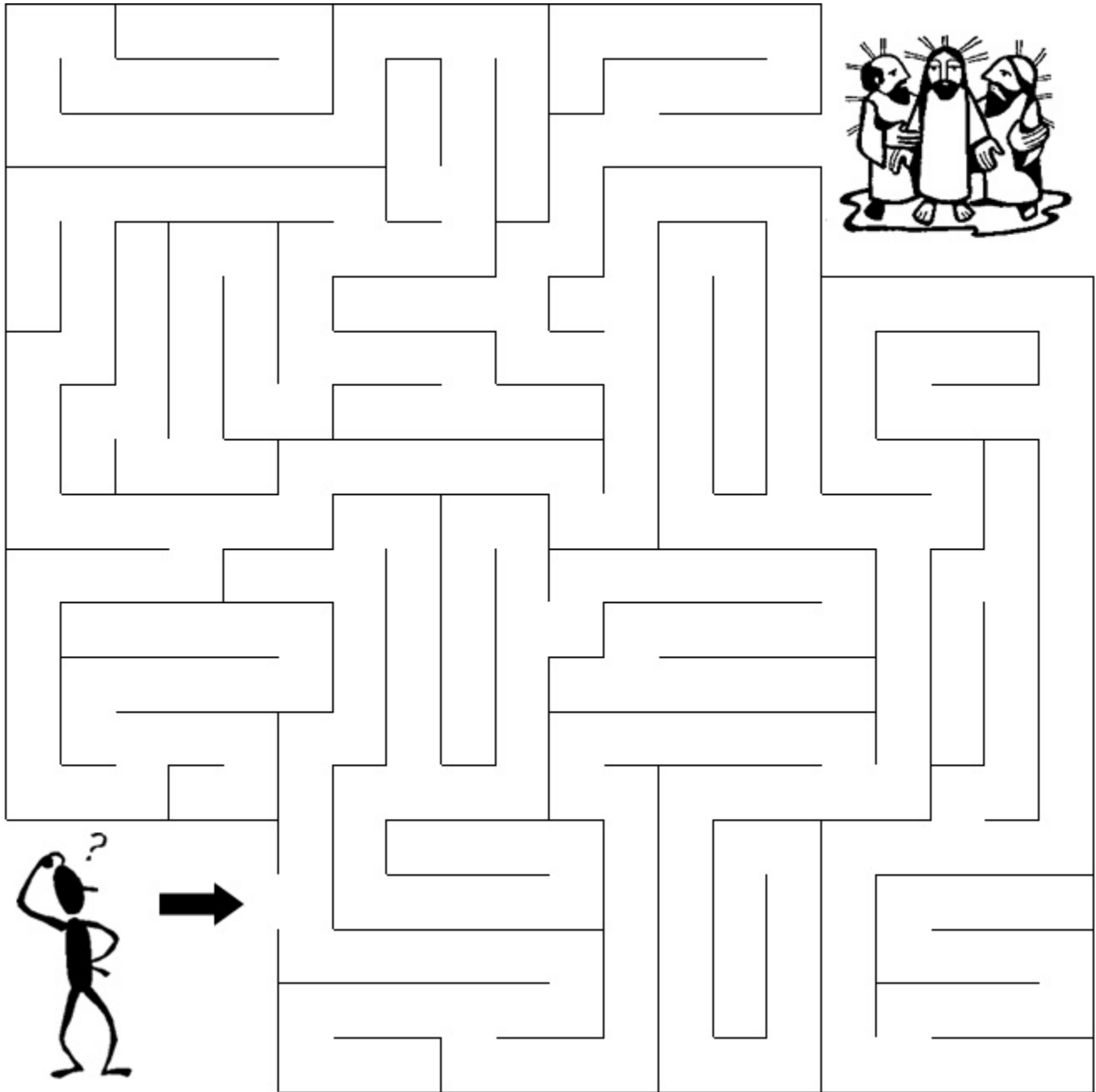
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# My Weekly Gospel Reflection for Grades 1-3

MY NAME IS \_\_\_\_\_ MY GRADE IS \_\_\_\_\_ SSPJ SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

Please bring this to mass with you next weekend.



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## My Weekly Gospel Reflection for Grades 4-6

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**MY NAME IS \_\_\_\_\_ MY GRADE IS \_\_\_\_\_ SSPJ SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_**

Please bring this to mass with you next weekend.

**What stood out most to you in the First or Second Reading? (ie: Did you learn something new? What surprised you, shocked you, made you happy, or brought you peace?)**

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**What is something the Priest talked about in his Homily? (ie: How did he relate the readings to everyday life?)**

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**Empowered with the love of God in the Eucharist, what can you do this week to put the message of the readings into action? (ie: How will you bring Christ to the world today? What will you do to show God's love to others?)**

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## My Weekly Gospel Reflection for Grades 7-8

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**MY NAME IS \_\_\_\_\_ MY GRADE IS \_\_\_\_\_ SSPJ SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_**

Please bring this to mass with you next weekend.

**What stood out most to you in the Gospel? (ie: Did you learn something new? What surprised you, shocked you, made you happy, or brought you peace?)**

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**What is something the Priest talked about in his Homily? (ie: How did he relate the readings to everyday life?)**

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**Empowered with the love of God in the Eucharist, what can you do this week to put the message of the readings into action? (ie: How will you bring Christ to the world today? What will you do to show God's love to others?)**

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## Gospel Reflection

### First Sunday of Lent - Year C

#### March 9, 2025

#### Gospel - Luke 4: 1-13

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry.

The devil said to him,

"If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."

Jesus answered him,

"It is written, *One does not live on bread alone.*"

Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant.

The devil said to him,

"I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me."

Jesus said to him in reply,

"It is written:

*You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.*"

Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him,

"If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written:

*He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,*

and:

*With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*"

Jesus said to him in reply,

"It also says,

*You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*"

When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

#### 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.
- ◆ **Think** of a brief story or experience of how the word or phrase connects to your life now.
- ◆ **Ask** in silence, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" Share what Jesus is inviting you to do.