

SS. PHILIP & JAMES
CATHOLIC PARISH

1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780
(631) 584-5454

February 23, 2025 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



*The Ascension with Christ giving the Keys to St Peter; Donatelloca. 1428-1430 (carved) - 1432,
The Victoria and Albert Museum, London, United Kingdom.*

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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GRADE LEVEL COORDINATORS

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 cczujko@sspj.org

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 bluna@sspj.org

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Principal Diane M. Anderson
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 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 16th, 2025:
 Collections from Weekend masses: \$10,722.00
 Faith Direct
 (126 Participants Weekly): \$ 3,374.00
Total Collection: \$14,096.00

FAITH DIRECT:
VISIT SSPJ.ORG CLICK ON FAITH DIRECT ICON
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 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. 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 for a Pre-Baptism Program.

RECONCILIATION

Available Saturdays from 4:00pm-5:00pm 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.

The Pastoral Letter from Rev. Sean Magaldi

My Dear Friends in Jesus Christ and Our Blessed Mother,

My brother moved to Nashville in August 2015. I visit him at least twice yearly, often in January and July. I always enjoyed getting together with his friends down there. He had a core group of good Christian friends who would spend a tremendous amount of time together, including volunteering with a group called People Loving Nashville. As a result of COVID, people moving, couples having children, and other life events, I had not seen this group in a long time.

We got the crew back together during my most recent visit with my brother. It was great catching up and reminiscing about "the good old days." It was wonderful to see how everyone had grown. Although we don't see each other as much as we'd like, there wasn't sadness but rather an appreciation of all the memories we have shared over the years. During our dinner, someone mentioned that only Christ could bring this diverse group together.

Recognizing the good things we have come from God helps us to be grateful. Gratitude is such an essential part of the spiritual life. God calls us to be thankful for the gifts that He gives us, especially friendship. The temptation can exist to be sad or bitter, and we may not have things that we love anymore or no longer have beloved friends or family in our lives. We can miss them greatly and become bitter that we no longer see them. To be grateful can be difficult, but it brings us peace.

Andy Bernard, a character in the NBC show *The Office*, once said, "I wish there was a way to know you're in the good old days before you've actually left them." Andy's quote is a poignant reminder to live in the moment. We don't know how long things will last, but we can be grateful if we live in the moment and enjoy them as gifts from God. As we get older, we experience a tremendous amount of change. We can't stay in the same place forever, so let us cherish the good times. Let us be grateful for what God has given us.

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.

THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE BURNING IN MEMORY OF

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

THE SANCTURARY LAMP IS LIT IN MEMORY OF

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, Ann Bayard, Michael Mattia, Michael Scorca, Grayson Danielski, Alan Piscak, Ann Marie, Amanda Rose Critella, Amanda Cacerperdo, 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

<i>Saturday, February 22nd</i>	Reconciliation 4:00-5:00pm Cantor: Feeny Lector: Thompson/O'Connor EMs: Byrne/Drechler/Taurassi/Toto/Anderson	9:15am 5:00pm	Debbie Grimes Marie Leone
<i>Sunday, February 23rd</i>	Cantor: Meringolo Lector: Carey/Dervan EMs: Dervan/Koke/Portanova/Sehne/Sica Cantor: Meringolo Lector: Kollmer/Franco EMs: Napolitano/Conti/Parish/Consenz/Suski/McKie Cantor: Lohmann Lector: Waldmann/Hurlbert EMs: Latino/Rubano/Rubano/Kaleita Jr.	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	For the People of SSPJ Parish Thomas Focone <u>Collective Mass</u> Charles Ruf, Ronald Ruggiero, Allen Seeley, Donald Mahoney, Charles DiBenedetto
<i>Monday, February 24th</i>	Adoration 1:30-7:00pm In the Church	7:30am	For the Pope
<i>Tuesday, February 25th</i>		9:15am 7:30am	Pat Henrich Fatima Ozdmir
<i>Wednesday, February 26th</i>		9:15am 7:30am	Joseph Bitet & James Treiz For the Souls in Purgatory
<i>Thursday, February 27th</i>		9:15am 7:30am	Kenneth Maher Jr. Ryan Birbiglia <u>Collective Mass</u>
<i>Friday, February 28th</i>		9:15am 7:30am	Mary Pinatta (Living), Irene Kreisher (Living), Richard Heath (Living), Eleanor Walsh Patricia McNeely
<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	John Muller 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



A Weekly Reflection from
SR. THERESITA DONACH, CSFN

Dear Friends,

How many of you out there like to cook? I for one love to cook and actually like doing the prep work. How do you feel about recipes? Experience has taught me that the same recipe can be put together in different ways by different people, and you know what, it is ALL good.

So, where am I going with all this talk about recipes? This past Sunday I was meeting with a couple regarding their twin's Baptism. A hard-working family that really wants their children to have a deep relationship with God. As we were talking the mom asked me, (because I meet with many families,) if there was a recipe for

a good family life? She wanted to know, "Is there a recipe for teaching their children about God?" I have to say that the question was a great one and were it not for the Holy Spirit I would not have been able to answer her. I thoughtfully said, "The recipe is to desire the recipe." So, you see, each recipe is completed differently based on the desires and wants the family has. They genuinely wanted God to be a big part of their family's life. I was blessed to have been with them.

My second recipe maker was the wife of a dear friend. Her name is Sydney. Recently she shared a witness talk to those who attended special time of Eucharistic Adoration. A brief summary of what she shared is that Sydney is a convert and while going through RCIA she struggled when her cancer returned. It was during this time that her best recipe for peace and support was at the parishes' Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Sydney has spent many hours before the Blessed Sacrament, after difficult procedures, treatments, and operations. She spoke of her love of Jesus in the Eucharist and how in the hardest of times He is always with her. Her love for Jesus in the Eucharist is her recipe for a deep relationship with God.

So, you see there are many recipes, what is important is that we desire the recipe. Our Church offers us many ways to make the recipe, whether it be through Eucharistic Adoration, praying the rosary, walking in Nature, or learning from and with other recipe people. Do you desire the recipe? What will be your ingredients? Use this week to gather them and MAKE the recipe.

**Till next week,
Sister Theresita**





A Lenten Hobo Honeymoon
March 1, 2025

9:15 Mass. - 1:00 p.m. (includes coffee & cake)

Facilitator: Sr. Theresita Donach

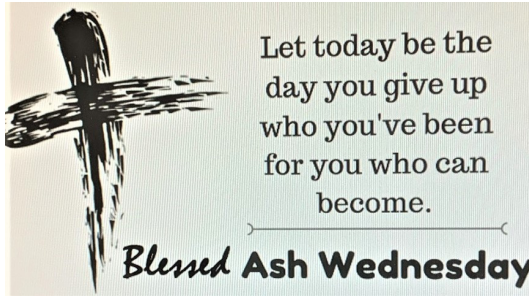
The word "Hobo" translates to Homeward Bound and for us it is homeward bound to our God. This retreat will invite you to reverence the good seed that our loving Creator planted within each of us before we were born. Lent means "Springtime" so come, welcome what God's love longs to bring to new life within each of us and be a Lenten Hobo.

*After Mass we will go to the Auditorium
for the rest of the retreat.*

Parish Social Ministry

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

James F. Hourican, Kevin Unverzagt



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.

Lent is fast approaching, and we all plan for a holy, spiritual Lenten experience. May we first suggest you mark your calendars to join our ministry to pray the rosary at least once a week @ 8AM Mon. thru Fri. in the prayer room and spend some time in adoration any time Monday from 1:30 PM to 7 PM in the main church. The Rosary is the best weapon we have to protect life in all its stages from conception to natural death. Also, look for the Kiosk coming to the main lobby for amazing spiritual Lenten reading.



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 Green Beans
- Canned Carrots
- Canned Chili with Beans



PRAYER BLANKETS

Prayer Blankets and Shawls will be blessed at the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, March 2, 2025. Please feel free to take one home for a family member or friend in need of the comfort, love, and prayers of the SSPJ Community.

SENIORS

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

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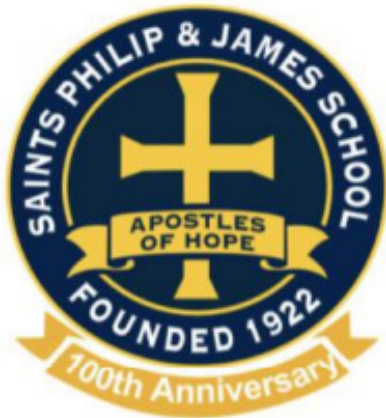
Let us deepen our gratitude for nature's rich web of life within which we live, growing in openness to wiser and more just ways of caring for it and sharing it.

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

SSPJ Islander Night Fundraiser Interest Form



To help us plan accordingly, please fill out this quick form to let us know how many tickets you'd like to purchase. The Game will be **Friday, April 4, 2025 @ 7:30 pm**. This form must be **submitted by February 24th**. We appreciate your response!

Family Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Tickets You'd Like to Purchase (\$85 per ticket):

1

2

3

4

Other (please specify): _____

We'll follow up with ticket purchase details soon. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you at the game!

For questions, please contact Mr. Yandolino nyandolino5633@sspjschool.net

CFN TELETHON '25

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will continue our immense Telethon tradition this year! This exciting event will commence on **Saturday, February 22nd from 2 PM and continue through Monday, February 24th at 8:30 AM**. Guaranteed to be the most engaging telethon to date, the entertainment will continue with many surprise guests along with our on-air family that you have come to know. Please join the excitement and consider pledging! The process is easy, you can pledge securely online by visiting www.CFNtv.org or by scanning the QR Code below, using a smartphone or any smart device. We know we can continue to count on you, as we always have! CFN is available throughout the Tri-State Area on Optimum, channel 29/137; Verizon FiOS TV channel 296; Spectrum, channel 162/471. Additionally, you can tune in nationwide on the following streaming services – Amazon Fire TV, Samsung Smart TV, Roku, Android TV, and Apple TV.



Watch
live & on
demand.



www.cfntv.org





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

Sts. Philip and James Council #12839

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.

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





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

Music Ministry

WEEKLY REFLECTION FROM MUSIC DIRECTOR MARGARET ADAMS

In the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time Jesus tell us to love our enemies.

Wow, it's not so easy. We need to treat others like we want to be treated.

God loves us no matter what.

Endless is you Love, our Presentation Hymn, tells us of God's love for us. We Remember, our communion hymn, and our Sending Forth, Lift High the Cross, also speak of God's love for us. He died on a cross to show us his love.

Please consider joining the Music Ministry. Lent/Easter are our next seasons. Come sing your praises to God.

Congratulations to our Honor Roll Students!

Chaminade High School

Jack R. Carey
 Matthew R. Dwyer
 Luchryso Kenton
 Shane L. Stephen
 Robert A. Albinski
 Nicholas A. Cuomo

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School

Fiona O'Connor
 Ashley Rubenstrunk
 Madison Carlino
 Saige Stewart
 Joshua Prew
 Kailey Ryan

Kellenberg Memorial High School

Thomas Passela

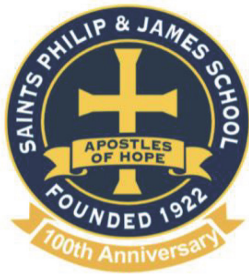
The 8th Grade Confirmation Candidates from SSPJ School and our Religious Education Program took part in a retreat with Fr. Sean and Mr. Clauberg. Besides learning more about their upcoming Sacrament of Confirmation, a fun time was had by all!



What is the theme of Jubilee?



Pope Francis has designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope." In Pope Francis' letter "Hope does not Disappoint"; the Pope reminds us the Jubilee is a moment to be renewed in hope, despite life's uncertainties and challenges. Saint Paul's teachings highlight that hope is born of love and sustained by the Holy Spirit. He acknowledges the trials and tribulations of life but emphasizes that suffering produces endurance, character, and ultimately hope. Pope Francis, also, stresses the importance of patience, especially in today's fast-paced world. "Patience, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, sustains our hope and strengthens it as a virtue and a way of life." Pilgrimage is a fundamental element of the Jubilee, symbolizing the quest for meaning in life. Pilgrims are encouraged to travel ancient and modern routes, visiting significant religious sites and experiencing the grace of the Jubilee through prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Help us reach our Goal!
Donate today!



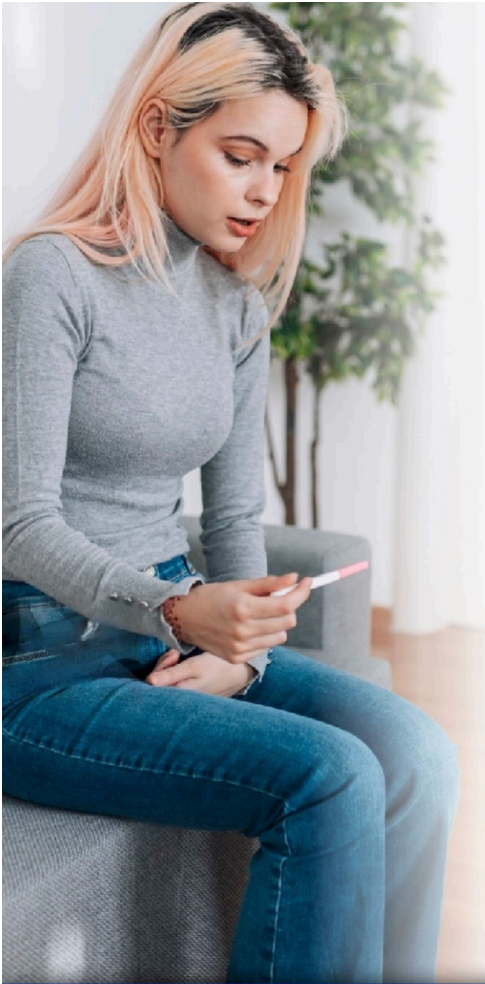
Sts. Philip & James School,
with humility and gratitude,
invites you to make a
donation to our annual
Giving Day 2025.



Our goal is to raise funds to purchase Chromebooks and sound equipment. These items will be used to equip our students with up-to-date technology, helping prepare them for a future of success.

2 Corinthians 9:11

You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God.



Facing a difficult pregnancy?

Say “Yes” with

FIAT

Let it be done

**Pregnancy
Support**



Hope is here.

If you or someone you know needs assistance with an unexpected or difficult pregnancy, help is available:

Call 631-476-LOVE (5683) any day, any time (24/7).

All conversations are safe and confidential.

SSPJ Faith Sharing Group



The Faith Sharing Group meets on Wednesday mornings in the Bethany Center from 10:00 - 11:00. We are a welcoming and open-hearted group whose purpose is to deepen faith and build community. For the next several weeks, in keeping with the church's Jubilee year, we will be focusing on the theme of **HOPE**. All are welcome. If you have any questions, contact the parish center office at 631-584-5454.

Liturgical Minister Training- Spring 2025

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance with a letter from their pastor.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This “BASIC” training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training. A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

- **Lector Workshop and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**
Saturday, March 29* - Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall;
 9 am – 12:00
Thursday, April 3 – St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall/RVC – Msgr. Kelly Parish Center;
 7 pm – 10 pm
Tuesday, April 8 – St. Elizabeth /Melville – Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm

You may register for EITHER Lector OR Extraordinary Minister training at each session.

Doors open 30 minutes before the training start time.

End time is an estimate, session may end prior to 10 pm, please be prepared.

- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B** – presented in conjunction with Catholic Health
Sat., March 29* – Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall; 1 – 4 pm
Tuesday, April 29 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm
Thursday, May 8 – St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall / RVC – Msgr. Kelly Parish Center;
 7 pm – 10 pm

End time is an estimate, session may end prior to what is stated here, please be prepared.

*On **March 29**, we are offering Part A and Part B on the SAME day. Those who attend Part A in the morning are welcome to bring lunch or leave for lunch and return for the 1 pm Part B session. Please indicate if you are doing BOTH on your registration letter from your pastor.

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions, call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.

Our Family Prayer Intention - March 2025

**YOUR PRAYERS WILL BE OFFERED TO JESUS DURING ALL MASSES THIS MONTH.
LOOK FOR THEM BESIDE THE TABERNACLE,
PLEASE OFFER YOUR INTENTION AT MASS NEXT WEEKEND:**

Please bring this to mass with you next weekend.

Family/Student Names and Grade Level/SSPJ School



Who do you know that might need some special love, some kindness, or a smile to cheer them? Together as a family we offer them in our prayers...

Gospel Reflection

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

March 2, 2025

Gospel - Luke 6: 39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told his disciples a parable,
 "Can a blind person guide a blind person?
 Will not both fall into a pit?
 No disciple is superior to the teacher;
 but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher.
 Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye,
 but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?
 How can you say to your brother,
 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,'
 when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?
 You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first;
 then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit,
 nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.
 For every tree is known by its own fruit.
 For people do not pick figs from thornbushes,
 nor do they gather grapes from brambles.
 A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good,
 but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil;
 for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

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.