

# SS. PHILIP & JAMES

CATHOLIC PARISH

1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

(631) 584-5454

## March 16, 2025 Second Sunday of Lent



*Transfiguration of Christ, Giovanni Bellini. ca. 1478-79, Museo e Real Bosco di Capodimonte, Napoli, Italy.*

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

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**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

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# 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

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### GRADE LEVEL COORDINATORS

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### MUSIC DIRECTOR

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### TRUSTEES

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### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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 Nancy Sanders Matthew Carey  
 Sheila Cavoaris

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

**Weekly Collection: Sunday, March 9th, 2025:**  
 Collections from Weekend masses: \$14,100.00  
 Faith Direct  
 (126 Participants Weekly): \$ 3,374.00  
**Total Collection: \$17,474.00**

**Ash Wednesday Collection: March 5th, 2025:**  
**Total Collection: \$3,838.00**

**FAITH DIRECT:**  
 VISIT [SSPJ.ORG](http://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, SGT. CORY O'HARA -USMC, LT. COL. JOHN KAIRE, 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, MARIO CATANIA -USMC, SGT. CONNOR F. SCOTT -USMC, PFC. CHARLES CHRISTOPHER HOWELL, STEVEN CAVA -USN, EMMETT MOLONEY -USN, 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, CHRISTOPHER A. HIONIDIS -USAF, MICHAEL HIONIDIS -USM, ELIZABETH C. OLIVER -QM 2nd CLASS SW USN, HANK MOLONEY -USAF, CARL JOSEPHSON -USAF, DANIEL JOSEPHSON -USAF, ERIC SEELIN -USMC, MIDN ERIN NICASTRO -USNA, MLDN KATE NICASTRO -USNA, SAMANTHA JOSEPHSON -USAF, MATTHEW PATRICK GALLAGHER -US ARMY, LT. COMMANDER CHRISTOPHER SHANK MD, RICHARD WULFORST, III -USA ANG, JAMES A KOESTER -USA 2ND LT., MAJ. BRENDAN JOHNSTON -USAF, CONNOR TOOMEY -USM LT. , DAKOTA BARNETT -2ND CLASS USN, ERIN MORPHEY -2ND CLASS USN, JUSTENE PATCH -2ND CLASS USN

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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,

This week, I will examine the Second Sorrowful Mystery, the Scourging at the Pillar. There isn't much written about it in Scripture. "Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged" (Jn 19:1). If you have seen the movie *The Passion of the Christ*, then you know how terrible this was for Jesus.

In a reflection on the scourging, Br. Matthew Wanner, O.P., writes, "Nothing is wasted, since every strike that bore down on His skin was united to the Father, in view of the glorious end that would result. Knowing that He was enduring pain for every single human person, Jesus pressed onward, and kept His silence in fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah."

*He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he opened not his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is dumb,  
so he opened not his mouth. (Isaiah 53:7)*

Jesus gives Himself entirely to the Father in this moment. St. Faustina writes, "The Lord said to me, 'I suffer even greater pain than that which you see.'" (Diary, 445). The physical pain Jesus experiences during His scourging doesn't compare to the moral pain He experiences because of our sin. Jesus, in His suffering, shows us what obedience to the Father looks like. During this Lenten season our self denial should aid us in growing closer to the Lord. Jesus, in His obedience, shows us who to rely on ultimately.

So often, we turn to earthy comforts that can lead us to complacency and sin. We don't trust that God can be enough, and we don't trust that our pain and suffering will bring us closer to God. Can we identify where we turn to sin rather than obey God? What are our triggers? We can call upon the Holy Spirit to identify them. Confession is a natural next step after identifying our sinfulness. I recommend using an examination of conscience. As we pray with the Second Sorrowful mystery, let us ask Jesus to give us strength so that we may be obedient to the Father and avoid the sins that brought Jesus to the Cross.

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 SANCTUARY LAMP IS LIT IN MEMORY OF**

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**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

<i>Saturday, March 15th</i>	Reconciliation 4:00-5:00pm	9:15am	<i>Jental Marie (Living) + Christopher Michael Thomas (Living)</i>
	Cantor: Feeney Lector: Drechsler/Healy EMs: Taurassi/Mantia/Anderson/Damato/La Serra	5:00pm	<i>Jack Duffy</i>
<i>Sunday, March 16th</i>	Cantor: Meringolo Lector: Luna/Carey EMs: Dervan/Diaz/Licari/Sica/Tully	8:00am	<i>For the People of SSPJ Parish</i>
	Cantor: Hill Lector: Zahororny/Doran EMs: Amen/Parish/Clarke/Rizzo/Licari/Calderone	10:00am	<i>Jack Scally</i>
	Cantor: Meringolo Lector: Hoffman/Kieran EMs: Kaleita/Rubano/Rubano/Margaret	12:00pm	<i>Collective Mass Edmund Patrick Childs, Catherine Halliday, Robert Aspromonti, Raymond Grayson</i>
<i>Monday, March 17th</i>	Adoration 1:30-7:00pm In the Church	7:30am	<i>Kenneth Maher, Jr.</i>
		9:15am	<i>Fred Allen</i>
<i>Tuesday, March 18th</i>		7:30am	<i>For the Pope</i>
		9:15am	<i>Emilia Mitaritonna</i>
<i>Wednesday, March 19th</i>		7:30am	<i>Kenneth Maher, Jr.</i>
		9:15am	<i>Lawrence M. Kenney</i>
<i>Thursday, March 20th</i>		7:30am	<i>For the Souls in Purgatory Collective Mass</i>
		9:15am	<i>Gregory Mattia, Joan Cooper (Living)</i>
<i>Friday, March 21st</i>		7:30am	<i>For the Church</i>
		9:15am	<i>Geraldine Rumpolo</i>
<i>Saturday, March 22nd</i>	Reconciliation 4:00-5:00pm	9:15am	<i>Thomas Stanco</i>
	Cantor: LoCastro Lector: Thompson/Piliero EMs: Rapp/Duffy/Sisti/Byrne/Toto	5:00pm	<i>Benedetta Caltabiano</i>
<i>Sunday, March 23rd</i>	Cantor: Meringolo Lector: Farrell/Koke EMs: Czujko/Kenney/Koke/La Serra/Tully	8:00am	<i>For the People of SSPJ Parish</i>
	Cantor: Lupinacci Lector: Dias/Gebbia EMs: Luna/Rapp/Clarke/Keane/Amen/Sotomayer	10:00am	<i>Elizabeth McSweeney</i>
	Cantor: Lupinacci Lector: Hurlbert/Morosky EMs: Latino/Stack/Bleggi/Kaleita	12:00pm	<i>Collective Mass Eugene Ingenito, Peter Venditto, Raymond Grayson, William Cresswell</i>



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

**Dear Friends,**

“O Happy Fault, O Happy Lent”! Ah, some of you will be reading this during the first week of Lent, others a little later but you are in for a real treat. I am confident that God constantly takes care of me. Why? How? Because I always receive a thought for this reflection time. Let me share with you the latest.

"When life breaks you, it is because you are ready to be put back together differently. Every piece of you that feels shattered is a piece that will find a new place, a new purpose, a new meaning. Trust that the cracks are where the light gets in. And sometimes, in our brokenness, we find our greatest wholeness. We find the courage to rebuild, to reimagine, to redefine what it means to be strong. You are not broken; you are breaking through."  
*(Author Unknown)*



Powerful, and that is what Lent is all about. Being human, being broken, redefining ourselves and breaking through. Since we all belong to the human race there will be times, (for some of us many times,) when we feel broken or sinful, in whatever form it takes. The good news is that God can enter into those cracks and help us find the person we were created to be. Again, we are all in process and change takes time if it is to be permanent.

So, what does your Lent look like this year? How are you planning to come closer to God during this time? The Forty days of Lent give us that extra time to take our relationship with God more seriously. The question is, will I take the time? Or will I just go through the motions of Lent? Give up some stuff, say a few extra prayers and throw a few extra bucks into the special collection. God wants to fill your life with His Love. Give Him the opportunities to do so. You will be happy you did.

Just a little encouragement...take the time, it is worth it. Let that Light of God shine through you!

**Happy Lent,**

**Till next week,  
 Sister Theresita**

## Music Ministry

### WEEKLY REFLECTION FROM MUSIC DIRECTOR MARGARET ADAMS

Happy St. Patrick and Happy St. Joseph’s Day to all.

Monday and Wednesday this week we celebrate the feast days of these popular Saints. For St. Patrick our 5pm and 10am choirs will sing, as their Communion Special hymn, “Christ Be Beside Me”. The words are attributed to St. Patrick. The words can be found in the Music Issue # 399. The tune the choirs will sing is to “Morning has Broken”, and the Sending Forth hymn “May the Road Rise Up”, is an Irish blessing.

For St. Joseph our Communion hymn, # 142 is “Holy Patron Thee Saluting”, describing the life of St. Joseph, husband to Mary and foster Father to Jesus.

Every year I put these hymns in the Mass as our musical tribute to these special saints. As we sing these hymns, we ask for special blessings from St. Patrick and St. Joseph.

## SSPJ Faith Sharing Group



We’ll be meeting each Wednesday of Lent, from 10-11am starting March 12th. There are still books still available for this Lenten journey, “Walking with Mary to Jerusalem”. All are welcome to join!



### Hello SSPJ Religious Education Families!

We are happy to announce that Camps R Us will be holding an open house at SSPJ School on Thursday, March 27, 2025 from 11:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

Come down, speak to staff members, see some fun activities camp has to offer!

~ Inflatables ~ Gaga Ball ~ Arts & Crafts ~ Popcorn ~ All are welcome!



### Religious Education

#### March 19th:

We will be holding our Conversation with Mentors for our Confirmation candidates. Time will be assigned via email.

#### March 24th:

We have our 8th grade Reconciliation from 5:30-6:30 pm and is mandatory for Confirmation.

The 2026 Mass intention book will be open on March 25th at the Parish Center Office.

## 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 to request a memorial.

### SENIORS

Seniors will meet in the Sts. Philip & James room From 1:30 to 3:30 on Monday, March 24, 2025. All seniors are welcome to join us for an afternoon of Faith, fun, and friendship.

### 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.**

Have you noticed the bookshelf in the main lobby? More books are on order to assist you on your Lenten journey. Please stop by to check the offerings. Thank God for the gift of your life every day. Seek personal healing especially through the sacrament of Confession. Be courageously and publicly pro-life.



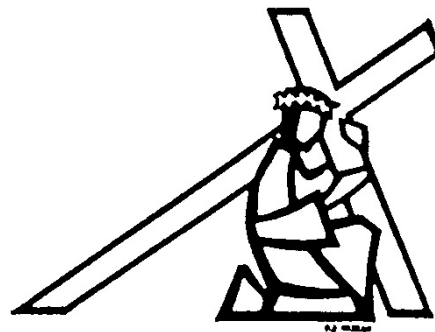
## Katie's Way

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:

Multi Tomato Puree



### LENT

Dear God, during this Lenten season, open my heart to the needs of others. May I reflect your love and compassion in my actions, serving those who are suffering or in need. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

### LAUDATO SI

Let us deepen our gratitude for nature's rich web of life within which we live. Let us grow in openness to wiser and more just, non-violent 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



The SSPJ Guild & Macy's Smith Haven proudly presents

# Step into Spring Fashion Show

Sunday, March 30, 2025 from 3:00PM-5:00PM

Please join us for an afternoon at Macy's where students & faculty will present the latest spring fashion and you can shop for your Easter Sunday best! Event located on the second floor in Women's Dresses.

Ticket prices include your seat to the show, swag bags, 8 raffle tickets and light refreshments. Additional Raffle tickets are available for purchase through the school prior to the event. Raffle tickets will be given to you at the time of check in to the event. Show & raffle tickets are only available prior to the event. No tickets or raffles will be sold at the door.

The first 20 families to arrive will receive a Macy's gift card to go towards your purchases after the show!

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT: Erica Negri 516-353-6701 or Nicole Butera 631-624-2271



----- Please tear here & return no later than Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> -----

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 each

# of Adults 65+ \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 each

# of Children \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 each

# of Children 2 & under \_\_\_\_\_ free

Additional raffle basket tickets \_\_\_\_\_ 4 for \$5, 8 for \$10

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ cash/check

# OCIA

## The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation — Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. This year SSPJ has 7 candidates in the OCIA process. Under the leadership of Sister Theresita Donach, these candidates are preparing to receive their Sacraments at the Easter Vigil on April 19. Two of the candidates will receive all three Sacraments of initiation. The others will be receiving the Sacraments they missed as children.

### MEET THE OCIA CANDIDATES



My name is Amanda Titolo, and I will receive my confirmation this April. My husband Mario and I had a baby girl, Heidi, last May, and we have been enjoying watching her grow!

After having my baby, I felt compelled to become more involved with my religion and deepen my relationship with God, both for myself and as an example for my new baby.

I have really enjoyed being a part of RCIA, I look forward to it every week! Our meetings allow me to pause and reflect on my faith. Listening to everyone's experiences and learning why and how we do certain things has also given so much more meaning to this process.

My name is Dennis Hopper. I am here to receive Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation.

I am a husband and a father of four girls, two sets of twins ages 5 & 8, right here in St. James.

My father is Catholic, and my mother is Lutheran. Growing up, I was always more connected to and fascinated by my father's side of the family and their practices, but was never baptized into either the Catholic or Lutheran Church. I have never, until now, made the decision to fully commit to Catholicism. Having children, who are currently being raised in the Jewish faith as my wife was, I feel it is important to become more connected to Catholicism so that I can better enrich my children's understanding Christianity and the wonderful aspects of Catholicism that I missed out on growing up.

RCIA, and attending Mass after class, has certainly helped me understand the rituals and practices more. Through this, I have been able to gain a deeper understanding and further appreciation for not only the wisdom that the Bible imparts, but also an inner peace through connectivity to God.





I'm George Cerna, and I will be receiving Communion and Reconciliation. I am 34, I grew up in Glen Cove, I work in sales. I am a husband and have a beautiful wife. We have two beautiful daughters: Brielle, age 4, and Riley, age 2.

I decided to attend RCIA because I wanted to deepen my understanding of God's love and who He is. Although my faith has been inconsistent over the years, the past five years have been transformative. I got married, focused on personal growth, and welcomed two beautiful children.

These experiences have given me a new perspective and a strong desire to grow closer to God, strengthen my faith, and build a more meaningful relationship with Him. I understand now the sacrifices He made just to protect us, showing the amount He loves us even when we've messed up so much, He's always been there. I just haven't realized that until now

My name is Katie Kirk and I am receiving all of the sacraments through OCIA. I grew up in a mixed-religion household so my parents never could decide which religion to bring me up in. My mom was born and raised in England and was confirmed and baptized Church of England. She grew up going to church and singing in the choir. I always loved visiting England and seeing all of the beautiful old churches. She often took me to church with my grandparents and I remember loving it, but she could never find the equivalent religion here. I am excited to be a member of the Catholic Church and embrace God more in my life as an adult.

My fiance was raised Catholic, and we both really liked the idea of getting married in a church and raising our children to be Catholic one day. As someone who didn't experience religion and being a part of a community like this, I always knew I wanted it for my children and my family.

Before OCIA, I always felt spiritual but never fully embraced God or understood how to. By learning about Catholicism and going to Mass, I have been able to accept and embrace His presence in my daily life. My spirituality is growing with every class, and I feel like I am becoming a better person for it.

Everyone is so supportive I appreciate all your help through this process.



My name is Rose Corso and I will be receiving confirmation. I am a full-time mom of three (soon to be four!) to my children Reed, Elliott, and Alessandra.

Going through cancer in my twenties and becoming a mother shortly after changed my perspective on life, and I felt a strong pull to return to Catholicism. Those experiences deepened my faith and made me realize how much I'd like to lead by example and raise my children with a strong foundation in the church

RCIA has helped me better understand the Catholic faith and given me the opportunity to ask questions and grow in a very kind and supportive community.

My name is Susan Corwin. I will be receiving my Communion and Confirmation. I have three children and a beautiful granddaughter.

I decided to attend OCIA because my children and granddaughter are Catholic and I wanted to learn about and follow the Catholic faith. Thanks to my mother I have always been “in touch” with God being raised Lutheran and also attending a Christian church with her.

This process has absolutely helped me understand my relationship with God. I'd like to continue my spiritual journey as a Catholic with my children, family and friends. I am so grateful I took this step never realizing how much I would enjoy it. Being able to do this with my daughter has made it extra special! Thank Sister T, Peter, Pam, Bill, Paula, Tom and Janet for making our Sunday mornings fun and interesting!!



My name is Chris Cash. My wife, Danelle, and I have two beautiful children, Michael and Cecilia.

I decided to join OCIA to align myself with my wife. We have decided we want to raise our children in the Catholic faith. It is important to me to play an important part in the lives of our children.

The OCIA process has helped me to do a deep dive into so many aspects of the typical service and the underlying faith that has enlightened my understanding and increased my faith.



*Our pastor, Father Sean, welcomes the candidates and their sponsors into the OCIA process at the Rite of Acceptance on Dec. 8*

*Katie Kirk and Dennis Hopper with their sponsors at the Rite of Election. The Rite was conducted by Bishop Barres at St. Ann's Church in Brentwood on March 9.*

*In preparation for their Baptism at the Easter Vigil, the Bishop declared them and all candidates for Baptism in Suffolk County as “members of the elect”.*





**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.**

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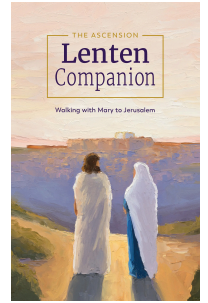
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## Join Us for a Lenten Book Reflection!

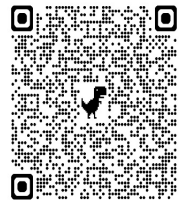
The Parish Council invites all parishioners to a special Lenten book reflection as we journey through “Walking With Mary to Jerusalem” (Ascension Press). This Lenten prayer journal by Fr. Mark Toups includes insightful reflections, prayers, and other resources to lead you through Lent day by day. Throughout Lent, you will draw closer to Jesus Christ and experience his journey to Jerusalem from the perspective of the person who knows him best: Mary, the Blessed Mother.



Our faith-filled discussions will take place in two sessions:

📖 First Half Discussion: Saturday, March 15, after the 5 PM Mass

📖 Second Half Discussion: Saturday, March 30, after the 12 PM Mass



Come deepen your faith this Lent as we reflect on Mary’s journey and her role in our spiritual lives. All are welcome!



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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.

## Jesus Weeps for Jerusalem

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The puzzle is based on Luke 13:31-35 (NIV).

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gather	Herod	hen	Jeus	chicks
prophet	blessed	goal	tomorrow	demons
heal	name	stone	Jerusalem	fox
today	house	kill	wings	Pharisees

# My Weekly Gospel Reflection for Grades 4-6

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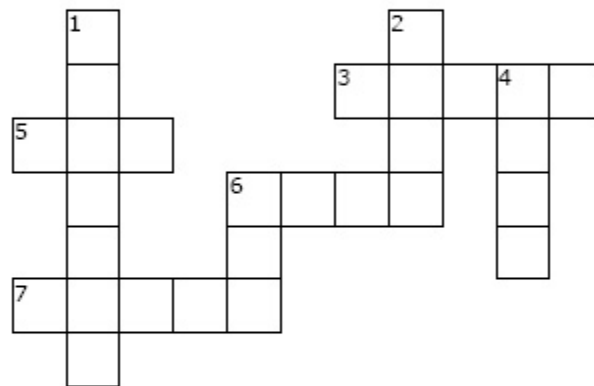
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### ACROSS

- 3. Feather-covered limbs a bird uses for flying.
- 5. An animal similar to a wolf or dog that has a long bushy tail.
- 6. To restore to health; to cure of illness.
- 7. An evil supernatural being; a devil.

### DOWN

- 1. One who speaks for God.
- 2. To put to death.
- 4. The purpose or objective which one is trying to reach.
- 6. A female chicken.

fox	demon	kill	hen
heal	goal	prophet	wings



# My Weekly Gospel Reflection for Grades 7-8

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

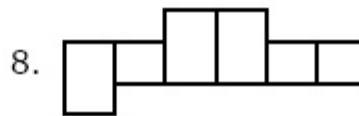
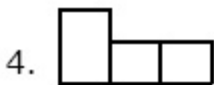
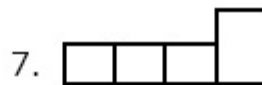
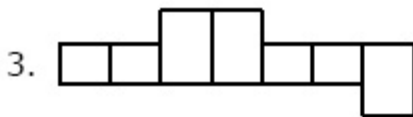
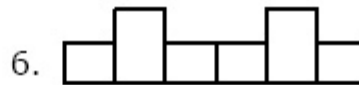
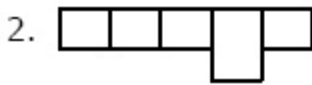
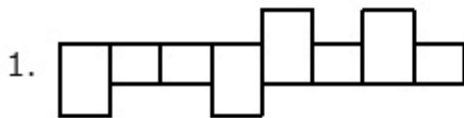
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Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



kill	sent	gather	wings
prophets	hen	chicks	willing

## Gospel Reflection

### Third Sunday of Lent - Year C

#### March 23, 2025

#### Gospel - Luke 13: 1-9

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

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"

And he told them this parable:

"There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'"

#### 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.