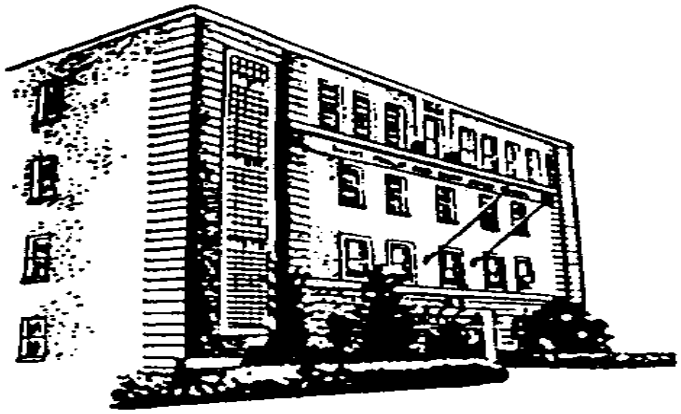

STS. PHILIP & JAMES CHURCH

MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday Evening: 4:00 P.M.
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 A.M. (Spanish), 11:30 A.M. (Choir)

Weekdays: 9:00 A.M.
Holydays: 9:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.

CONFESSIONS:
Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 P.M.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:
Saturday after the 9:00 A.M. Mass

BAPTISM:
Arrangements must be made, in advance, by calling the Church office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE:
Requires a Marriage Preparation Program. Please contact a Priest, or Office at least 6 months in advance.

CHOIR:
Schedule Arranged Monthly

OUTREACH - EVANGELIZATION MINISTRY:
Meets 3rd Sunday of the Month after 11:30 Mass.

THE LADIES GUILD:
Meets the 1st Sunday of the Month after the 11:30 Mass.

YOUTH GROUPS:
Boy Scouts meet Saturday at 10:00 A.M.
Cub Scouts meet Saturday at 10:00 A.M.
Altar Servers meets 4th Sunday of the month after 11:30
Mass Scouts Sunday is the second Sunday of every month 11:30 Mass

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:
The ministry to the aged and homebound is a vital part of our parish life. The aged and homebound, themselves, or a designated relative, are asked to contact the parish office so that the Sacrament of the Eucharist might be made available to them. Please notify us when serious illness occurs, or when a parishioner is hospitalized, or when someone is confined at home because of illness, handicap, or age.

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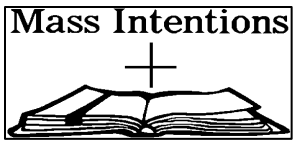
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 20, 2022



Sun. FEBRUARY 20 – SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 – Special Intention for SPJ Parishioners
9:30 – Special Intention for SPJ Parishioners
11:30 – Special Intention for SPJ Parishioners

Mon. FEBRUARY 21 – WEEKDAY /ST PETER DAMIAN /PRESIDENTS' DAY
9:00 – Special Intention for SPJ Parishioners

Tue. FEBRUARY 22 – THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE
9:00 – Special Intention for SPJ Parishioners

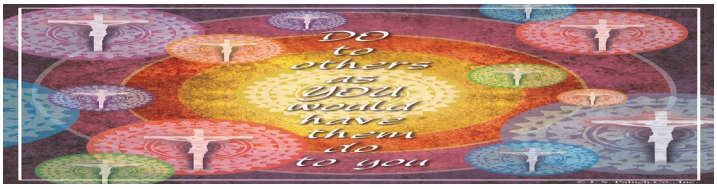
Wed. FEBRUARY 23 – SAINT POLYCARP
9:00 – Special Intention for SPJ Parishioners

Thu. FEBRUARY 24 – WEEKDAY
9:00 – Special Intention for SPJ Parishioners

Fri. FEBRUARY 25 – WEEKDAY
9:00 – Special Intention for SPJ Parishioners

Sat. FEBRUARY 26– WEEKDAY, BVM
4:00 – Special Intention for SPJ Parishioners

PRAYER INTENTION FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY:
Prayer is reserved for the period of one month. Additional requests can be made individually for more prayer time, as needed: Monica Baafi, Vickie Akalonu, Sheila Aspinall and Ariela DeBrecoure, MimiCaesar-Dume family, Barbara Mason Family.



SANCTUARY LAMP
Special Intention for SPJ Parishioners
THE ALTAR BREADS
Special Intention for SPJ Parishioners

NEXT ALTER WEEK'S SERVERS:
4:00pm - **Daniel, Elise, & Claire Milius.** 8:00am –**Jermaine Dennis**
9:30am - **Josefina Flores** 11:30am - **Samantha Aya, Chinonye Ugboaja.**

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR
4:00 pm: - **Mimi Caesar-Dume** 8:00 am: - 8:00 am. **Beverly Simmons**
9:30 am: - **Gladys Castillo** 11:30 am: - **Chinonye Ugboaja**
for SPJ Parishioners

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you" **(Isaiah 60:1-6).**
Psalm — "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you" **(Psalm 72).**
Second Reading — "The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel" **(Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).**
Gospel — "Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" **(Matthew 2:1-12).**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: **1Jn.** 3:22 — 4:6; **Ps.** 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; **Mt.** 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: **1Jn.** 4:7-10; **Ps.** 72:1-4, 7-8; **Mk.** 6:34-44
Wednesday: **1Jn.** 4:11-18; **Ps.** 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; **Mk.** 6:45-52
Thursday: **1Jn.** 4:19 — 5:4; **Ps.** 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; **Lk.** 4:14-22a
Friday: **1Jn.** 5:5-13; **Ps.** 147:12-15, 19-20; **Lk.** 5:12-16
Saturday: **1Jn.** 5:14-21; **Ps.** 149:1-6a, 9b; **Jn.** 3:22-30
Sunday: **Is.** 42:1-4, 6-7 or **Is.** 40:1-5, 9-11; **Ps.** 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or **Ps.** 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; **Acts** 10:34-38 or **Ti.** 2:11-14; 3:4-7; **Lk.** 3:15-16, 21-22

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
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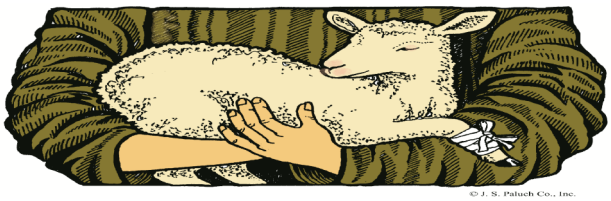


Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. — **Psalm 103:8**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Wednesday: St. John Neumann
Thursday: St. André Bessette
Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Friday
Julian Calendar Christmas

LITTLE MINUTES

Little drops of water, little grains of sand, make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land; so the little minutes, humble though they be, make the mighty ages of eternity.

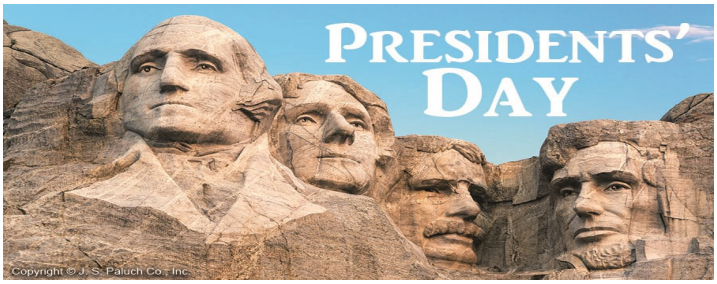
GENUINE FREEDOM

People thirst for genuine inner freedom. They yearn for the life which Christ came to give in abundance.

PARISH REGISTRATION & LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY

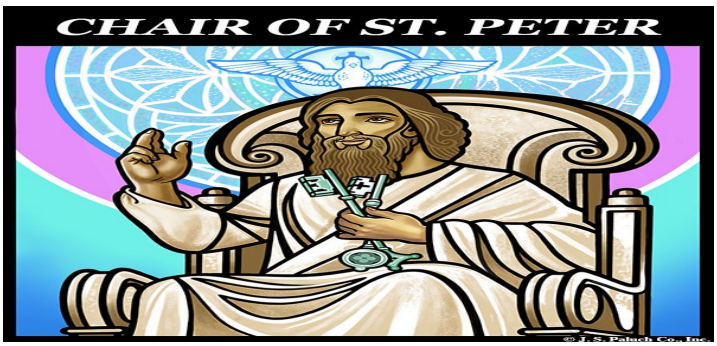
Membership and a sense of belonging is the basis for granting letters of eligibility to act as God parents or Sponsors which can only be issued to active members of the parish who are not only registered but are in good standing with the Church that is, they attend Church regularly and evidence supports it. If married, their marriage must have taken place in conformity with the laws of the Church and receive sacraments.

It is also our pastoral policy that only registered parishioners can receive the Sacrament of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, and Marriage besides Christian Burial. This is so because of the communal nature of the sacraments. By their very essence, sacraments call us into a family of faith intended to build a bound of unity as an ecclesial body of Christ's faithful here on earth. So it is more than just one fulfilling the Christian obligation as a Christian parent or mere administration of the rites, it is a call to common faith with a specific local Church in which ones intends to nurture his/her faith.



PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walked in the valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side With your rod and staff that give me courage. You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come. Amen



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed
that which is pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What can I do this week that is pleasing to God?

LOVE AS GOD LOVES

Our Gospel today continues Jesus' Sermon on the Plain, in which we heard Luke's version of the Beatitudes. This week, Jesus gives us new "commandments," telling us how to live and act in the world as his disciples, rooted in the radical love of God for humanity. It reminds us of his later speech about loving one another as he loves us, in other words with a God-like love, the kind we see in today's psalm about God's mercy. How else could we do as Jesus tells us by loving our enemies, which seems impossible, until we remember that God gave us the example of Jesus, who is like God but also like us? David understands this merciful love when he spares the life of his enemy in the first reading. Finally, Paul tells us that we will become like Jesus if we act as he did, as God does.

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a sinner like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see! T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed! The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come. 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.