



A Message from Mrs. Montgomery



O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially the SS Philip and James community. We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer. We trust in your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever. Amen.

For centuries May has been the month set aside to honor Mary. It is perfect!! Think about it, flowers are in bloom, we start to think about planting gardens, Mother's Day and Graduations. It makes so much sense that this month remembers our greatest Mom, Mary. Being the mother of Jesus was not an easy task. Mary's life was full of great joys and great sorrows. Despite these things, Mary was obedient. Mary knew who Jesus was from the beginning, she understood His mission at conception. Even with that knowledge she always said, "Yes"! **Luke 1:38** So Mary said, "Yes, I am a servant of the Lord ; let this happen to me according to your word. Mary, a willing servant who trusted God and obeyed. She was called to a life of great honor, yet the choice required great suffering. As a mother of two adult children and the appointed "mother" of our SS Philip and James school, I lean on Mary for strength, humility, gentleness, and grace. I need her help when making decisions for "the family". And seek her guidance in my daily life. I too struggle with balancing great joy and at times, tremendous regret. Through the intercessions of Mother Mary we can have confidence that our prayers will reach Jesus. I wish all of our moms a place of honor. Your unconditional love and patience is why the students of SS Philip and James are so successful. And for you, I am thankful! Mother's Day is May 8, 2022.



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First Holy Communion

(May 1, 2022)

Jesus comes to us in a unique way in the Eucharist. When He comes, we receive Him into our body and our soul. First Holy Communion is one of the 7 Sacraments of the Catholic church. While receiving the Eucharist is a Sacrament each time it is received in our lifetime, we celebrate the first time this is done as a part of a special ceremony and a memorable, important part of our lives! First Eucharist is given at the “age of reason”, which is age 7. So for this reason, First Communion class usually aligns with second grade. We are taught receivers should be in a state of grace when receiving Communion, which is why the Sacrament of Reconciliation is given to us first. (March 3, 2022) This is very beautiful, personal, and intimate. How lucky are we?

Congratulations on your Confirmation!!

(Sunday, April 24, 2022) The Easter Season is a wonderful time to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. During Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples and they received the courage to take on the mission Jesus gave them. Confirmation is our own personal Pentecost. This past Sunday, The Holy Spirit descended upon our eighth grade students and they accepted the same challenge given by Jesus to the disciples. (You’ve Got This! Remember you are not alone.) It all starts with Baptism. (Thanks, parents!!) Baptism marks the start of a relationship with Christ. Your soul changed permanently and you were filled with grace from God. Through Confirmation, the Holy Spirit strengthens these graces and seals them all inside you – like a carefully wrapped present! The “gifts” of Courage, Knowledge, Wisdom, Judgment, Wonder, Understanding, and Reverence are yours to help you face the daily challenges of Christian life. Many Catholics adopt the name of a biblical figure or saint that they find inspiring at their Confirmation. This shows the intention to copy their dedication to God. A heavenly friend who will pray and intercede for you on your Christian journey. Meet the spiritual friends of our current eighth grade class! (More information found in LifeTeen- 8 Things You Need to Know About Confirmation)



Holy Sacraments (Batman)!



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Join the SPJ Team!

Saturday, April 30 from 8:00-12:30 pm (or any portion of time you can spare)
Please rsvp to lmontgomery@youngstowndiocese.org if you plan to join.

A new foundation is kicking off the spring season with a park clean-up day!

Canal Life is sponsoring this event, let's support this energetic and generous group the SPJ way!

Canal Life- <http://www.canallife.org/> **Our mission is to assist in creating a visually appealing, prosperous and inclusive downtown through continuous cleaning and beautification, programming, marketing, economic development and advocacy.**

Please think about joining a SPJ Team for their first sponsored event. Wear an SPJ shirt and meet at the park. See flier for more information.

HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS



First Drawing May 1

SPJ Home and School is hosting a gift card fundraiser for May. All proceeds will help update our current playground area. **A chance to win is only \$5 each!** Sales end on May 2. A \$20 gift card for Target will be given away on May 1. Thank you, families, for your support!
A digital copy of tickets is provided with this email.

All Home & School meetings are on the same ZOOM link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81600673536>
The next meeting is May 11 at 7:00pm.





You're Invited to Grandparents Day

April 29th @ 2:00pm.

RSVP Please!

This is Tomorrow!!

Help with a cookie donations if possible



May Crowning Flowers

Flowers for May Crowning on May 5th will once again be available for purchase from Siefert Flower Mill. If you would like to purchase flowers please send \$3 in an envelope marked with your student's name on it to Mrs Burke by Monday May 2nd.

SPJ's Got Talent!

SPJ is currently looking for talent for our #THESPJWAY Talent Show on May 31. See flier for details and to sign up your act. Thank you for the signup. Tryouts are May 4th.

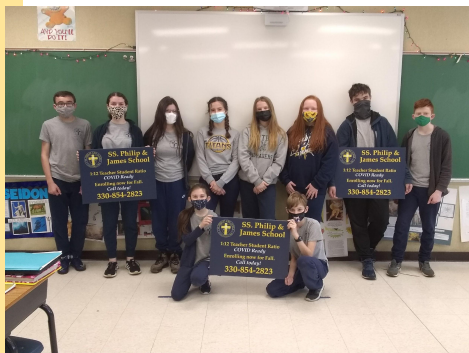


Scrip Is Still Available 100% assistance is available for 2021-2022 tuition.

We will order physical gift cards once a month now. We will still order on Sunday night so the cards can be sent home in the following **Thursday folders**. Please contact me ASAP if there is an error in your order when placed or received. Michelle DuPlain, Scrip Coordinator
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Here's Your Sign

It is time to sign up for the "Sign UP" Campaign. We are currently in the process of bringing "new life" to our school. Tours are being scheduled and new families are learning about this wonderful place called SS Philip and James. If you have a SS Philip and James School sign (blow off the dust and pull it from your back shed), it is time to place it proudly in your front yard once again. If you need a new sign stop in the office, there are still a few available. If someone you know has a wonderful front yard that faces a busy road, please stop and pick up a sign to place in their yard too. (Ask first, of course!)





COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SAT/SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				April 28 Aladdin Dress Rehearsal, St. Barb visit (lunch included) Interims	April 29 Grandparents' Day @2:00
May 1 First Communion @ 2:00 at SPJ 	May 2	May 3 SPJ Feast Day	May 4 Talent Show Tryouts	May 5 May Crowning @ 2:15	May 6 7th-8th Dance 
May 7/ May 8 Mother's Day  	May 9 ACRE test for 5th and 8th	May 10 ACRE test for 5th and 8th	May 11 ACRE test for 5th and 8th Kindness Group H & S Zoom Meeting 7:00 pm		May 13 CCHS Band Presentation 2:00
				May 19 Canal Boat Field Trip grades 3,4,5	
	May 23 7 & 8 Pittsburgh Trip 5 & 6 Rhoda Wise Trip 	May 24 7 & 8 Late Start Arrival Time 10:15	Dress Rehearsal for Talent Show		May 27 Preschool's last day \$1 jeans day Kindness Group
	May 30 Memorial Day-no school 	May 31 School Talent Show 9:30 am Field Day PM	June 1 TK-5 Zoo field trip 7th Wilderness Center trip	June 2 School Carnival 8th grade Graduation Mass 6:30 pm with reception	June 3 Last day-half day Kindergarten Mass Pass it On Awards Ceremony