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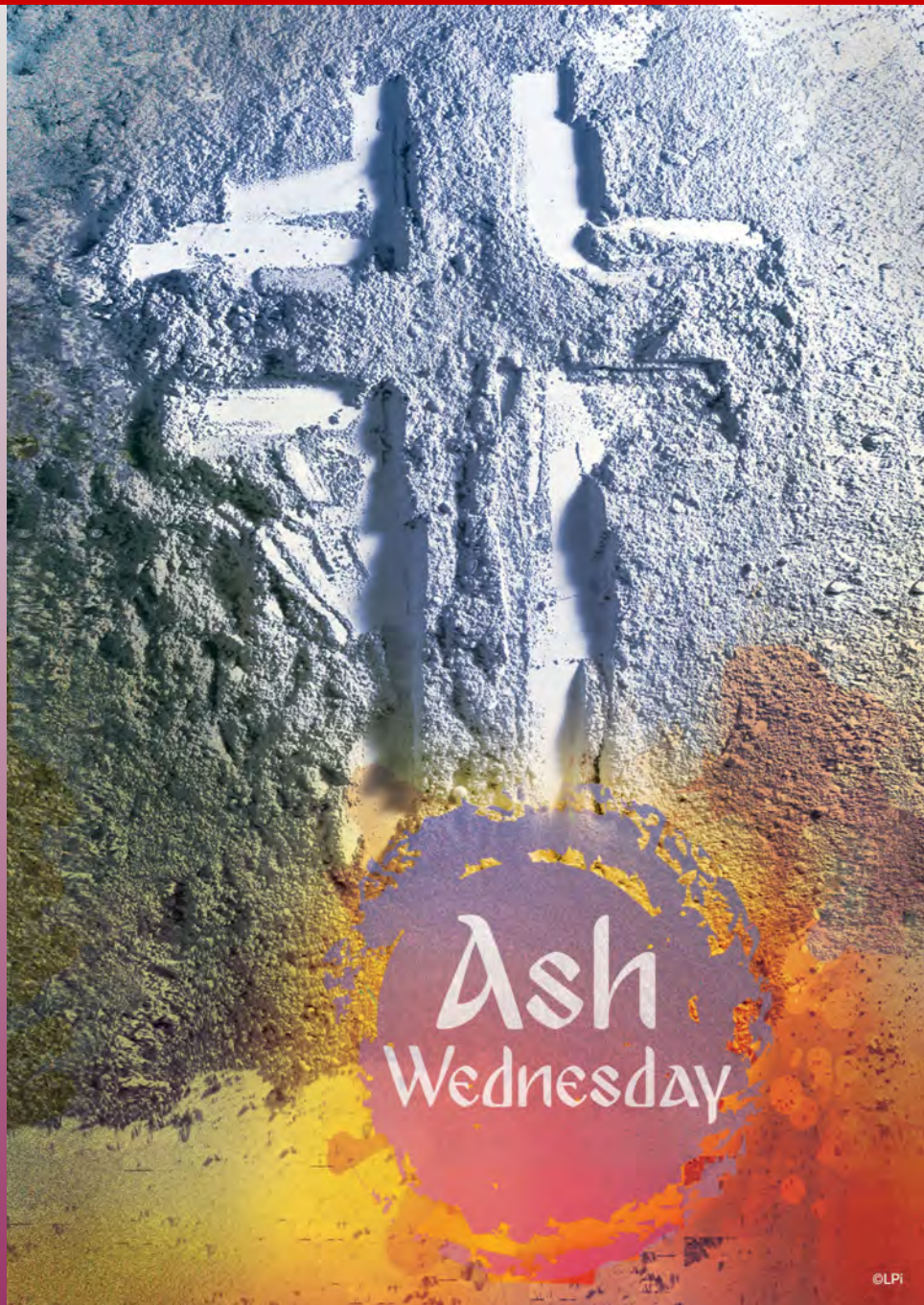
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## Lent 2018— Welcome Home!

## Don't forget your shopping bag!

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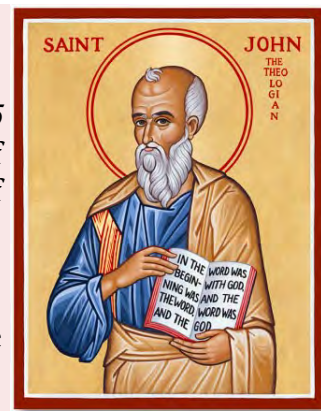
## “I call you friends....”

*John 15:15*

The Parish of St. John the Evangelist welcomes you to today's celebration of Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the season of Lent. It is a special time of the year—a time of grace and mercy.

We extend a special welcome to those who are returning to the Church today, and perhaps, returning to our parish today. We are honored by your presence and hope you will worship with us again.

May all who come to this place find a place of friendship and love.



### **Come to the quiet!**

Seton Chapel in the Convent is open most days from 6:30 a.m. to approximately 7 p.m., if not later. Take some time to open your heart to the voice of God.

### **Come and pray with us!**

#### **SUNDAY MASS (Now held in School Auditorium)**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. + 7:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass) Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Children), 10:30 a.m., 12 Noon, 5:30 p.m. (Life Teen)

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES (Now held in Seton Chapel in the Convent)**

Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m. and 12 Noon

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

### **Come and know God's mercy!**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated **every day after Daily Mass** in the IHM Meeting Room and on Saturdays from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. and from 7:00 to 7:15 p.m. (Spanish). Confessions are also heard on Sundays from 5:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

### **Come and know God's healing of the sick!**

Please contact the Rectory (631.878.0009) for a priest to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick with the seriously ill or those preparing for surgery. Please also let us know if a loved one is sick so we can pray for them at Mass and list their name in the bulletin.

### **Come and spend some time with the Lord!**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in Seton Chapel on

**Mondays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.** and on

**Thursdays immediately after the 12 Noon Mass until 5:00 p.m..**

### **Come to know Mary, Our Lady Queen of the Apostles**

**ROSARY:** We pray the Rosary every day after Daily Mass in the Seton Chapel in the Convent and on Sundays before the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

**MONDAYS +** During Lent, will pray the Novena after the 7 a.m. Mass and at 6:45 p.m. on Monday evening, before the 7 p.m. Mass throughout the season of Lent.

**FIRST SATURDAY +** Devotions begin at 7:30 a.m. and continue after Mass. Confessions are heard after Mass. A continental breakfast in the cafeteria.



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Ash Wednesday 2018

# A Day for Lovers

Dear Parish Family and those returning to Church today:

The headline might have caught you off guard. Yet, we celebrate Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season on Valentine's Day. The image of the heart comes to mind particularly today. In the midst of the world, we see images of hearts everywhere with phrases like, "Happy Valentine's Day" or "Be My Valentine" and the like. It seems a contrast to come our services today when we are being imposed with ashes and acknowledging our brokenness and sinfulness. Then again, maybe not!



Today, on Ash Wednesday, we are called to look at our own hearts and allow the works of the Lenten journey draw us closer to God and to another. For in these 40 days, we are not necessarily called to darkness with awareness of light. We are not called to acknowledge places of despair without hope. We are not called to acknowledge death without awareness of new life. What does it require?



It requires letting our hearts be opened to the Lord. This is not easy. For some of us have developed cold hearts. Pope Francis writes about this for Lent as he says, "Love can also grow cold in our own communities... selfishness and spiritual sloth, sterile pessimism, the temptation to self-absorption, constant warring among ourselves, and the worldly mentality that makes us concerned only for appearances, and thus lessens our missionary zeal." For others of us we have developed broken hearts. We've been hurt or are mourning or feel abandoned. For others, we have overly secured hearts. There is a wall around us preventing us from fully loving and being loved. No one gets past the wall or blockade we have put up. For others our hearts are tainted by sin and poor decision and selfish acts. We wind up so caught up in ourselves we fail to remember God or those he has placed in our lives.

Some of us have sleepy hearts. We are going through the motions, i.e. getting ashes, and showing up when we have to but we've lost our drive.

If any of these descriptions sound like you—you're in the right place! For here, we bring the Lord everything we have by opening our hearts to him. We open our hearts to Him so he might bring us his warmth, his mending, his sledgehammer (to knock down the wall), his cleansing spirit to purify and renew us or his alarm and concern to wake us up.

Like any good relationship, though, it's going to take some "heart" work and Lent gives us pretty good tools. Here, I am referring to the traditional practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. And if you need some help with using these "heart" tools, just read through the bulletin. For here you will learn about more times for prayer—praying at Daily Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, our Parish Mission and more. Here you will learn more about how you can give alms—by donating your time to outreach or the street ministry, by offering items to Ernie's Place or the Thrift Shop or even by filling up one of our shopping bags and bringing it back in Lent. And we are called to fast, to go without something or things. We don't do this for any other reason but to unite with our brothers and sisters who are suffering and create a place for God. Maybe we can clear a space by getting rid of some of our technology or attachments or unhealthy habits. What does fasting do? Pope Francis tells us, "Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbor. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger."

So, today at Church it is a day for lovers—a day for us and God and for us and our neighbors. Let's pray we'll love well allowing God to transform our hearts.

Let's pray for and with one another. Please pray for me.

# ASH WEDNESDAY

*At St. John's, we begin our prayer in silence. When you are called to quiet, please put down the bulletin and hymnal and take a moment for some quiet prayer and reflection. Allow God to touch your heart.*

*All of the music for today's liturgies are found in these pages.*

## Entrance Hymn

Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days



1. Lord, who through - out these for - ty days For  
2. As you with Sa - tan did con - tend And  
3. As you did hun - ger and did thirst, So  
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And  
5. A - bide with us that, when this life Of



us did fast and pray, Teach us to o - ver -  
did the vic - t'ry win, O give us strength in -  
teach us, gra - cious Lord, To die to self, and  
through your Pas - sion - tide, For ev - er - more, in  
suf - fer - ing is past, An East - er of un -



come our sins, And close by you to stay.  
you to fight, In you to con - quer sin.  
on - ly live By your most ho - ly word.  
life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.  
end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

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## Collect

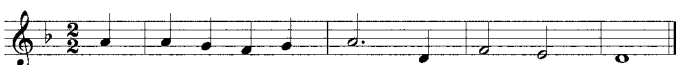
### + LITURGY OF THE WORD +

## Reading I

Isaiah 2:12-18

*Rend your hearts, not your garments.*

## Psalm 51



Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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## Reading II

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

*Be reconciled to God. Behold now is the acceptable time.*

## Gospel Acclamation

## Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

*Your Father who sees in secret will repay you.*

## Homily

## Blessing and Distribution of Ashes

Ashes...Conroy



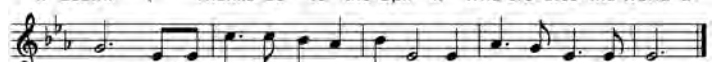
1. We rise a - gain from ash - es, from the good we've failed to  
2. We of - fer you our fail - ures, we of - fer you at -  
3. Then rise a - gain from ash - es, let heal - ing come to  
4. ‡ Thanks be to the Fa - ther, who made us like him -



1. do. We rise a - gain from ash - es, to cre - ate our - selves a -  
2. tempts, the gifts not ful - ly giv - en, the dreams not ful - ly  
3. pain, though spring has turned to win - ter, and sun - shine turned to  
4. self. ‡ Thanks be to his Son, who saved us by his



1. new. If all our world is ash - es, then must our lives be  
2. dreamt. Give our stum - bl - ings di - rec - tion, give our vi - sions wid - er  
3. rain. The rain we'll use for grow - ing, and cre - ate the world a -  
4. death. ‡ Thanks be to the Spir - it who cre - ates the world a -

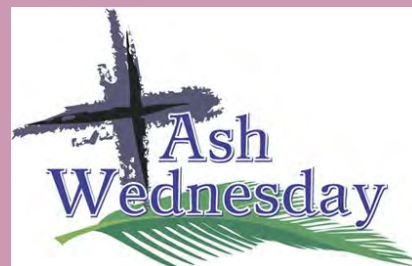


1. true, an of - fer - ing of ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.  
2. view, an of - fer - ing of ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.  
3. new from an of - fer - ing of ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.  
4. new from an of - fer - ing of ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.

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*On Ash Wednesday, we take up a collection for the Parish Social Ministry work of our parish. This includes the work our Parish Outreach, our Food Pantry, the Thrift Shop, the Street Ministry and much more. Thank you for helping the least fortunate among us.*

*At our prayer services, we will take up a collection after the Homily. During Mass, the collection will be taken up at the regular time.*



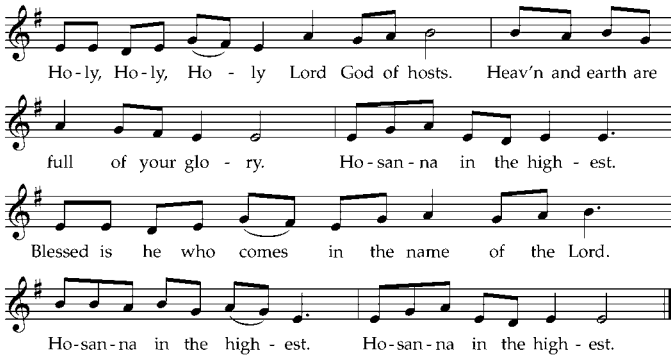
## Universal Prayer

Response: Lord, have mercy.

## + LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST +

### Preparation of the Altar and Presentation of the Gifts

#### Holy, Holy, Holy



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#### Memorial Acclamation



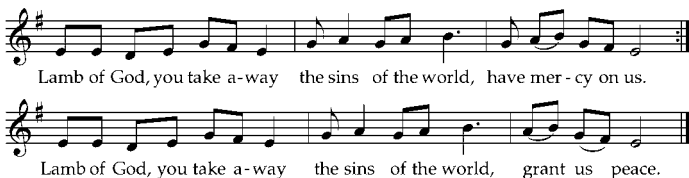
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## COMMUNION RITE

### Our Father

### Sign of Peace

### Lamb of God



## Communion Hymn

I Am the Bread of Life



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## Recessional Hymn

Abide with Me



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*Please take this bulletin home with you  
today as you leave Church!*



# EAST END HOLY HOUR

Adoration - Music - Confessions - Community

**THIS  
FRIDAY!!!**

"It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness." -  
Pope St. John Paul II

Friday, February 16th

Doors open at 7:00pm

St. John the Evangelist - Auditorium

2 St. John's Place  
Center Moriches, NY



# LENT 2018

## LENTEN LITURGICAL NOTES

*The season of Lent calls us to a time of deeper reflection and repentance. We are called to do this in our own lives (see the pages of this bulletin for about that!) but also in how we pray liturgically. Read below and learn more:*

- The Gloria (Glory to God) is not said or sung during Lent, except on the Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19th). We will sing the Gloria again at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and then again at the Easter Vigil.
- The Alleluia is omitted from all hymns and as the Gospel Acclamation during Masses. That is one of the reasons why we are singing the Alleluia as the Concluding Hymn at all of our Masses this weekend.
- We will use the Apostles' Creed instead of the Nicene Creed. The Roman Missal (#19) clearly encourage the use of the Apostles' Creed during the seasons of Lent and Easter. It is a good practice to get used to. We will try to have these on those cards but the Apostles' Creed can also be found inside the covers of *Breaking Bread*.
- We will use simple Mass settings during the season of Lent. We are working to have cards in the Breaking Bread hymnals that will have the music for these settings. (We learned from the last time we changed Mass settings in Advent.)
- During the time when the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward and the altar prepared, there will be no music—instrumental or otherwise. (We'll make an exception for Laetare Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Lent.) It is our hope this will help us to reflect more on what has been proclaimed and preached during the Liturgy of the Word and enter more fully into the sense of the Lenten season.
- During Weekday (Daily Mass), we will not sing an Entrance Hymn or a Closing Hymn as is our custom here.

## ADDITIONAL DAILY MASS

We will celebrate Mass each day at 7 a.m. and 12 Noon Masses each weekday in Seton Chapel. **We will celebrate an additional Daily Mass in Spanish at 7:30 p.m. in Seton Chapel.**

## SINNERS WELCOME and WANTED!

### Come and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation!

Daily after the 7 a.m. and 12 Noon Masses and after the 8 a.m. Mass on Saturday (*Please wait in the lobby of the convent building*)

Saturdays from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Saturdays from 7 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.\* (Spanish/English)

Sundays from 5:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.\*

### Diocesan Day of Reconciliation

Monday, April 10, 2017 - 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14, 2017 —5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 15, 2017—4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

*Of course, you may call the Parish Office and make an appointment with one of our priests.*

## ABSTINENCE AND FASTING

All Catholics between the ages of 14 and 59 are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. *Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from Ash Wednesday and Good Friday fast and abstinence.*

## SUNDAY'S WORD

We have available editions of *Sunday's Word 2018*. The readings are not found in our *Breaking Bread* hymnals. You can pick them up and take them with you. **A free will offering of \$5.00 is requested but not required.** These books contain all of the Sunday readings as well as the psalm and antiphons for Daily Mass.

## LENT 2018

### SJE LENTEN BAG CHALLENGE

Today, as you leave Church, you're going to be given a gift from St. John's—a gift that we hope you will use as a gift! While not using plastic bags at stores is ultimately a good thing for God's creation, it's an inconvenience. St. John's is pleased to present you with two shopping bags. Now here's the catch...

### HELP OUT THOSE IN NEED

Return ONE (1) of the bags with needed items for the Food Pantry or the Street Ministry. A list is enclosed inside the bag. Now, of course, if you want to return both bags...that's even better! Returned bags will be used to distribute items to those we serve in the Street Ministry and in the Food Pantry.

*Special thanks to Mrs. Waller's 3rd grade class (pictured right) at OLQA for helping us with our delivery!*



## PARISH LENTEN MISSION

*Loving God Gladly*

Save the dates...

**Monday, March 5**

**Tuesday, March 6**

**Wednesday, March 7**

**7:30 P.M. + Auditorium**

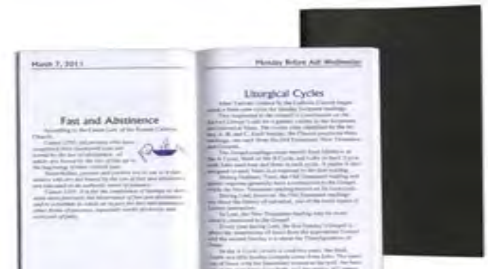
Abbreviated Retreat Presentation at 12 Noon Mass each day. The 12 Noon Mass will be celebrated in the Auditorium during the days of the mission.

*This year our parish Lenten Mission will be led by Fr. Kevin Cronin, OFM, a Franciscan Friar of the Holy Name Province.*



### THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK IS HERE!

This Lent, St. John's is once again offering everyone a little black book. This book contains brief reflections for each day of the Lenten season. You can carry it with you, leave it in your car or keep it in a place at home where you will see it every day. It's a nice, simple way to bring the spirit of the season to each day of your Lenten journey.



The books are free of charge. If you'd like to make a donation, please place it in the envelopes attached to the baskets. This donation will support our Parish Social Ministry efforts at SJE.



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Join us for our Adult Faith Formation Course on

# The Catechism of the Catholic Church

*in celebration of 25 years of the Catechism.*

Part 1 will be on Thursdays at 7:00pm  
in the Upper Room of the Red Barn

CATECHISM  
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**THURSDAYS**  
**February 22**  
**March 1**  
**March 8**  
**March 15**  
**March 22**

Presenters will include: Fr. Mike Plona, Paul Clores, Fr. John Sureau, and Michelle Pirraglia.

For more information or to register, contact Paul Clores at [pclores@SJEcm.org](mailto:pclores@SJEcm.org) or call (631) - 878 - 0009 x113 or complete the form below.

Yes, please sign me up!  
*Catechism of the Catholic Church*

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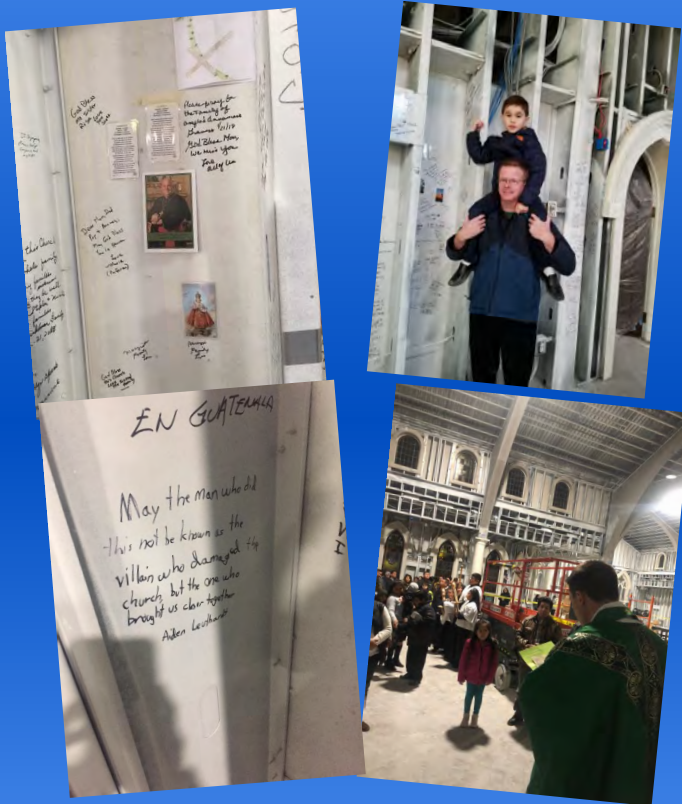
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A \$20 free will offering is requested of all who attend the class.

## REBUILD + REPAIR + RESTORE

*Your people shall rebuild the ancient ruins; the foundations from ages past you shall raise up; "Repairer of the breach," they shall call you, "Restorer of ruined dwellings."*  
-Isaiah 58:11-12

We are making progress practically and spiritually on the restoration of our Church building. A few weeks ago parishioners and students at OLQA and our faith formation program signed the walls and studs of the building. This past week, we have begun the work of insulation and sheet rocking the building. Continue to pray for the restoration work of our Church building and enter this time of Lenten spiritual restoration.



Above parishioners signed the studs of the Church. We remembered Bishop Perez and his great support on May 19th, Fr. John gave Cadin a lift so he can sign near his other family members, Fr. Michael leads prayer after Mass and a great message of hope. Below, we are making progress!



### PRAYER FOR THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST During this Time of Restoration

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you were made flesh and dwell among us.  
In the midst of this time of darkness,  
show us your light.

Through St. John the Evangelist  
we know you turned water into wine,  
brought people into light,  
satisfied the thirsty and healed the sick.

In these days,  
may we find your healing strength.

As we repair and prepare  
this renewed dwelling place,  
guide us always to yourself  
-the Way, the Truth, the Life -  
to find patience, consolation,  
hope and restoration.

Bless and strengthen  
all who are using their gifts  
for your glory and honor.  
in these days.

Send us your Spirit  
so that we might be strengthened  
in this time of rebuilding  
so that you may find a sure  
dwelling place within us.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus,  
through the intercession of the one  
John took into his home,  
through the intercession of the one  
who beholds us,  
Mary, our Mother;  
you who live and reign with the Father  
and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. AMEN.  
*Our Lady Queen of Apostles, pray for us!*  
*St. John the Evangelist, pray for us!*  
*All holy men and women, pray for us!*



# Our Lady Queen of Apostles *The Catholic School in Center Moriches*



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## OLQA GOES CHROME!

Middle school students at OLQA will soon be given their own Chromebooks thanks to a generous financial donation. OLQA has purchased 50 new Chromebooks to be used by students in grades 6-8. With these new Chromebooks OLQA students will begin the first phase of our 1:1 program. Since OLQA is a Google Tools for Education school, these Chromebooks will allow faculty and students to have greater access to countless educational resources.



*OLQA offers classes from Nursery to 8th grade with before school and after care programs available. To learn more about our school, to schedule a tour or to arrange for a Buddy Day, visit [www.olqany.org](http://www.olqany.org) or call 631.878.1033.*

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## We're here to help

Our parish, overall, and our parish social ministry, specifically, are here to serve you in any way we can. If you are in need, please reach out to us at St. John's.

A great place to start is the Outreach Office coordinated by Sister Ann and our amazing volunteer ministers. Our Outreach Office is located in the Red Barn. Please call to make an appointment so we can connect you to our services here at SJE or link you to other services. **NEVER BE EMBARRASSED to reach out.** We may not be able to address every need. If we can't, we'll try to connect to someone who can assist you. Please always reach out to us here at SJE!

SJE will be looking to create a community garden this Spring! If you have any knowledge, experience and/or interest in being a part of this new ministry, please contact Alex Finta at [afinta@sjecm.org](mailto:afinta@sjecm.org) or 631-878-0009 ext. 127.

Be on the lookout for future advertisements in the bulletin. It's a great way to get your family/friends involved with a ministry at SJE.



## SJE STREET MINISTRY

The Street Ministry is continuously servicing 40-65 people each Thursday night! We are extremely grateful for all donations from St. John's parishioners that have kept us going. During the cold winter months, we are in need of the following items:

- **Jackets**
- **Long Johns L/XL (men's)**
- **Blankets**
- **Sweatshirts (Men's, Women's, Children's)**
- **Socks (New)**
- **Underwear (New)**
- **Winter Hats**
- **Boots and sneakers**
- **Toothpaste**
- **Deodorant**
- **Peanut Butter/Jelly**
- **Water**
- **BACKPACKS**
- **Men's gloves**
- **Size 4 or 5 diapers**

*Financial donations are most welcome as they allow us to purchase items as they are needed. Sometimes things "come up" and we need to make a quick purchase. Checks may be made payable to St. John the Evangelist and donations can be left in the Parish Office.*

The Street Ministry is in need of chefs! As the temperature has dropped, we have been running out of hot meals to give out. If you are interested in cooking a tray of food for us to bring out on Thursday nights, please contact Corinne Bernath at [ber-nath52194@optonline.net](mailto:ber-nath52194@optonline.net) or Alex Finta at [afinta@sjecm.org](mailto:afinta@sjecm.org) or 631-878-0009 ext. 127.





# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

## *Words of Wisdom*

**By Sister Ann Berendes, Director of Parish Social Ministry**

Why is it that so many people come for ashes on Ash Wednesday? Many don't come to receive them at a Mass but just at a service? It is wonderful to see so very many walking around that first day of Lent with the black cross on their foreheads but why come for a Sacramental and not THE Sacrament of the Eucharist?

We are encouraged during Lent to Pray, Fast, and Give Alms but I wonder how many of us think of the positive sides of those gestures. The best prayer we can offer, of course, is the prayer of the Mass. Have we considered attending at least one more Mass during the week? Or, if we haven't been attending Mass regularly, what about starting to do that this Lent to get back into the habit?

The Church gives us a very easy fast—only twice during the season—Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. That means just one full meal and two smaller ones and no eating between meals. Abstinence means NO meat on all Fridays and Ash Wednesday. That's not so tough.

Giving Alms does mean digging down into your pocket a bit more but what about giving more time to SJE activities? Giving of your time sometimes can be hard but it can also be a great gift to others. For instance, our Outreach office is still very short of receptionists. Can you afford to give two hours in the morning or two hours in the afternoon (10-12) or (1-3) to answer the phone, take messages, just be a friendly voice or face to greet someone who may need help?

Can you come on Monday or Wednesday morning to help sort clothes for the Thrift Shop? If you can't do any of these things every week can you do one of them once or twice a week? We have a wonderful group of men and women who enjoy do this sort of work. What a gift of ALMS these activities can be.

I invite you to think of an activity to give to your Church this Lent. May God bless you for at least reading through this and thinking about it.

## **Comunidad Hispano de San Juan Evangelista, Center Moriches**

### **MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS**

#### **Dirección de la Oficina:**

25 Ocean Ave. Center Moriches, NY 11934 **Teléfono:** 1-631.878.0009

**Horas especiales para asistencia en español:** Martes- 7 PM – 8 PM

**Santa Misa:** Sábados - 7:30 PM

**Confesiones:** Sábado - 7:00 PM en la Iglesia

**Bautismos:** Segundo Domingo a las 2p.m. en la iglesia y Cuarto Sábado de cada mes durante la misa.

Clases pre-bautismos es el tercer martes de cada mes. Locación – en el Granero rojo a las 7 PM.

**Favor de traer el certificado de nacimiento del niño dos meses antes del bautismo.**

#### **Requisitos:**

1. Certificado de nacimiento del niño o/de la niña.
2. Certificado de inscripción de su Parroquia (padres y padrinos)
3. Los padres deben traer estos documentos a la oficina de San Juan para fijar las fechas de charla pre-bautismal (OBLIGATORIA para padres y padrinos) y la fecha del Bautismo.

#### **Matrimonios:**

Parejas que planean su matrimonio, deben hacer una cita con uno de los sacerdotes antes de su boda. De este modo tendrán suficiente tiempo para recibir las instrucciones prematrimoniales y obtener los documentos necesarios. Para más información llame al oficina.

**Exposición del Santísimo (adoración):** Jueves, 12:00PM - 8:00PM

**Renovación Carismática:** Domingo 7:30Pm en la Iglesia.

**R.I.C.A (Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos):** Padre Michael 1-631.878.0009

## LITURGICAL PRACTICES, GOOD HEALTH AND COMMON SENSE!

*My former Pastor, Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, a former professor of liturgy at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, prepared a brief article for my former parish's bulletin that runs during the winter months. With his permission, I have reprinted it here. As we are in the midst of the winter season, there are some good things to consider in our celebration of the Eucharist.*

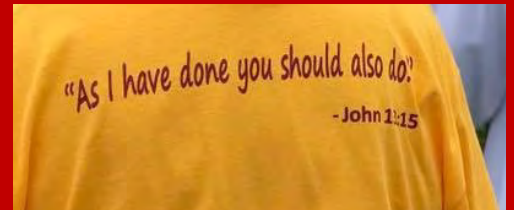
As we come to celebrate Mass together each week during these winter days, it's a good time to review some common-sense liturgical practices and issues, to help everyone stay healthy and to care for one another.

- **Holy Communion:** Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are especially encouraged to wash and sanitize their hands before Mass begins. If Communion ministers need to clean their hands during Mass, it must be done discreetly. The best way for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to clean their hands during Mass is to use a sanitizing liquid in the pew before coming into the sanctuary (sanitizing liquids have no place on the altar or among the Communion vessels and other sacred items on the credence table).
- **Communion from the Chalice:** The faithful should refrain from drinking from the chalice when one has a cold or is fearful of being infected.
- **Receiving on the Tongue:** Faithful who normally receive Holy Communion on the tongue should refrain from receiving on the tongue and instead receive in the hand when one has a cold or is otherwise contagious. Do not spread your saliva to the hand of the Communion minister if you are sick; receive Communion in the hand instead.
- **Greeting of Peace:** Use your own discretion and best judgment when invited to exchange the greeting of peace during the liturgy; limit physical contact with others if necessary. If a handshake is not advisable, a simple bow of the head is acceptable. Do not be insulted if someone prefers to avoid shaking your hand.
- **Mass Attendance:** MOST IMPORTANTLY, IF YOU ARE SICK, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO MASS! There is no obligation to attend Mass if you are sick; it is not a sin to miss Mass for this reason. (Also, there is no need to go to Confession if you miss Mass because you are sick.) Personal prayer and reflection on the Sunday Scripture readings is encouraged; many people also enjoy viewing the Mass on television.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

### SJE WEAR

**We have SJE T-shirts (\$10.00) and sweatshirts (\$25.00) available for sale. You can pick one up at the Rectory during regular office hours.**



### SETON CHAPEL

In August, we formally opened our newly renovated Seton Chapel. Because of the damage from the fire on May 19<sup>th</sup>, the convent became the place for Daily Mass. This summer, we did some extensive renovations in the convent that created a new meeting room and a large space for prayer. Daily Mass and confessions take place in Seton Chapel as does Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and our daily rosaries. Seton Chapel open at 6:30 a.m. and closes at approximately 7 p.m. In the early morning and at night, you may park in the school parking lot. During the day we ask that you park on St. John Place. Come and say a prayer in this beautiful space.



### EVENING EXPOSITION AND HOLY HOUR

Since the fire in the Church, we have not been able to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during the evening hours.

**Now, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at 5:00 p.m. and continue until Benediction at approximately 9:00 p.m.**

During this time, we will pray the Miraculous Medal Novena, offer times of prayer for priests and pray Night Prayer at 8:45 p.m.

Please take some time before the Blessed Sacrament Monday evenings from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. (Remember, we also have Exposition on Thurs-





## FAITH FORMATION

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 170 + Website: [sjecm.org](http://sjecm.org) + Facebook: StJohn FaithFormation

Email: [faithformation@sjecm.org](mailto:faithformation@sjecm.org) / [mpirraglia@sjecm.org](mailto:mpirraglia@sjecm.org)

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 11:00AM-12Noon, 1:00PM-4:30PM (RED BARN, Upstairs)

### Need to Register Your Child for the 2017-18

#### Academic Year? Registration Begins June 2018



St. John the Evangelist's Religious Education program serves our parish youth, beginning in First Grade, and their families as they grow in faith and prepare for the Sacraments. Registration for the 2017-18 academic year will begin in June this year. Those who are entering Grade 1, as well as those with children who may not have been in religious education for awhile, are welcome to register this June. *Please note that formation for all Level 1 & 2 students is done in-parish in a classroom setting (no home study).*



To register in our Faith Formation program, please bring a copy of the child's baptismal certificate (or a copy of their birth certificate if they were not baptized). Please also be sure that you are a registered member with our parish. If you aren't already, please contact the rectory at 631-878-0009.

### What We've Been Up To (And What Is On The Horizon...)



There are lots of happenings in our Faith Formation program this academic year! Most recently, we celebrated 1st Reconciliation of our Level 2 students, as well as grade-level reconciliations for Levels 3 & 4. (Grade-Level confessions will be held in March and April for Levels 5-8). We have also been blessed with Fr. Felix visiting our Level 1 & 2 classes to introduce students to the Rosary, gifting each student with their own Rosary and "How-To" guide. Fr. Michael has been sharing the faith with our Level 3-6 students, and Fr. John recently began witnessing with our Level 8 classes. This Lent, Seminarian Paul Clores will be engaging our Level 7 students.

At our parent meetings, Fr. John kicked off the year with topics on social justice and morality. We also were blessed to have special guest speaker Michael Chiappone, LMSW, a social worker at St. Charles Hospital, who discussed various social issues facing our youth during our Level 8 parent meeting. Students in Levels 3-8 also had an opportunity to pray and learn more about the renovations in our church building. Catechists have been coming up with several great ways to engage our youth, including collecting clothing for our Street Ministry, writing "Thank You" notes to our Bishop John Barres and sending letters of encouragement to our troops.

In the months ahead, we will be having our Confirmation retreats for our nearly 220 candidates, as well as important parent meetings on the Sacramental grade-levels, and 1st Communions this Spring for our nearly 180 Level 2 students. Please check the bulletin, as well as our Facebook page, for more information, or feel free to contact us at the office. We are here to serve you!

### Help Wanted: Can You Give Back?

Are you looking for a way to serve our community? We are always looking for parishioners to help teach our young people about the faith. You don't have to be a theologian — simply have a desire to share the faith and be willing to relate it to our youth. Can't make a weekly commitment? Perhaps you can be a part of our substitute catechist group! Right now, we are in need of a Level 4 and a Level 8 catechist. **If you are interested, please contact Michelle at 631-878-0009, ext. 5 or via email at [mpirraglia@sjecm.org](mailto:mpirraglia@sjecm.org).**

# YOUTH MINISTRY

**Michael Clauberg + mclauberg@sjecm.org**

*Director of Youth Ministry (631-878-0009 ext. 205)*

**Boy Scouts:** Pat Hahn TroopPack800@aol.com

**Cub Scouts:** Michael Hayes + cubscoutpack0800@gmail.com

**EDGE (Middle School Youth Ministry):** youth@sjecm.org

**Life Teen (High School Youth Ministry):** Michael Clauberg + mclauberg@sjecm.org

**SJE Service Corps:** Fr. John Sureau + jsureau@sjecm.org

**Young Adult Ministry:** youth@sjecm.org

## Office Hours

**Sundays:** By appointment

**Tuesdays:** 4:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**Wednesdays:** 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**Thursdays:** 12:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

### Event Schedule January-April

**Sunday-** Come to our 5:30 PM Youth/Family Mass

**Wednesday-** Youth ministry activities 7:00-8:30

2/14/18- Ash Wednesday Mass

2/28/18- Lenten Check-up (games and sports)

3/14/18- Journeying in Lent and Game night  
(Games and Sports)

3/28-18- Stations & Holy Week (games and sports)

## LIFE TEEN HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

**Sundays: 5:30 Teen Mass followed by planned youth ministry activities from 7:00—8:30.**

*(Doors open @ 6:30)*

February 18: A time to prepare

February 25: Chaos and Lent

March 4: Open Night-Lenten Check up

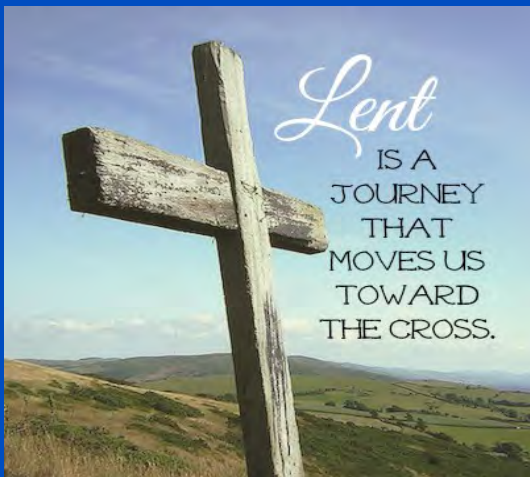
March 11: Finding the Heart of God.

**Spring Retreat** is on March 16th, 17th & 18th.

**Summer Retreat:** Steubenville, New York Conference:  
July 20-22, 2018

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**MARCH 13:** How are we moving towards the cross this lent? 7:30 in the Barn. (18-30 years of age)



## Serving Justice Excellently YOUTH SERVICE CORPS



There is such a great need for service in the life of our parish and often a huge number of young people who want to help those in need. This new Service Corps is one way to make this connection.

### Here's how it works:

1. **ANY** middle school, high school and college aged students send their contact information to Fr. John at jsureau@sjecm.org (You do not need to already be a part of Life Teen or Middle School Youth Ministry to be part of the Service Corps.)
2. As requests for help come from or come into our parish, you'll be contacted to see if you can help.
3. If you can help with a particular project, great! If not, no problem. You'll be contacted for the next one!

**It really is that easy!!! SIGN UP TODAY** by completing the form below or e-mailing Fr. John at jsureau@sjecm.org.

### YES!!! Sign me up for the Youth Service Corps at SJE

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

As of September 2017, I am in (list grade)  
\_\_\_\_ Middle School \_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_ College



## RCIA

**Do you want to be Catholic?**

**Do you want to be baptized?**

**Were you baptized into another Christian faith but now want to join the Catholic Church?**

## Then the RCIA is for you!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the Church's process for adult women and men who want to join the Catholic Church. It involves learning about the Catholic faith, sharing faith with others and participating in the life of the Church.

If you want to learn more, contact Suzan Fitzpatrick by leaving a message at 631.878.0009 or e-mailing [rcia@sjecm.org](mailto:rcia@sjecm.org).



### CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FOR ADULTS

Are you an adult interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation? For many reasons, present adults may not have received the Sacrament of Confirmation as young people. If you have not been confirmed, please let us help you!!!

If you are a baptized Catholic, but have not been fully initiated, we offer a process for those who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. For adults who desire more information, contact Suzan Fitzpatrick at [rcia@sjecm.org](mailto:rcia@sjecm.org) or leave a message at 631.878.0009.

Meeting will begin during Lent and continue to celebration of Pentecost in June!



### OUR CATECHUMENS

*"As they become familiar with the Christian way of life, and are helped by the example and support of sponsors, godparents, and the entire Christian community, the catechumens learn to turn more readily to God in prayer, to bear witness to the faith, in all things to keep their hopes set on Christ, to follow the supernatural inspiration in their deeds, and to practice the love of neighbor, even at the cost of self-renunciation."*

**-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 75, 2**

Our parish's catechumens—those preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism—are in the final states of this stage in their formation process. On Sunday, February 18, they will travel to St. Anne's in Brentwood to pray with Bishop Barres and sign the Book of the Elect. In these days, please pray for Diana Pomponio, Edwin Andrade Cabrera, Jahayra Lazo Samaniego, Soila Lisama, Hailey Zhicay Paucar, and Joseph Zhicay Paucar. Diana works through our RCIA process while our other catechumens participate in our Heritage process in the Faith Formation.

They are now in the final weeks of the catechumentate as they continue to learn about the teachings of the Church and the many ways we encounter Christ.

In these Lenten days, we journey with them in the hope that

# BELONGING AND BELIEVING

## Let's make it official!

So many people who come to St. John's often wonder why it's important to register. By registering in a parish:

- You make a formal commitment to this community of faith....basically saying, "I want to belong..."
- This parish makes a formal commitment to you, basically saying, "We want to be here for you!"
- You will be better informed about all that is happening here at SJE, basically saying, "Get involved... we need you!!!"

\*Please note: Beginning with the 2017 year, we will only be able to produce tax forms for those who are formally registered and use envelopes (or, eventually, electronic giving).

To register, contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) to make an appointment with a member of our Pastoral Team. You will no longer be able to register by coming into the office without making an appointment.

## Celebrating Baptisms

What a wonderful celebration for our parish when parents bring their child to Church to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism.

First, contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or via e-mail at [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) to meet with one of our parish priests or deacon. Both parents will need to attend this meeting.

Second, you will attend a Baptismal Preparation Class led by our parish staff. You will sign up for this class at the meeting with one of our parish's priests or deacon.

Third, Baptisms are generally celebrated in English on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays and in Spanish on the 2nd Sunday of each month. You will select this date at your initial meeting.

## We Pray for the Sick....

*"In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials..."*

-1 Peter 1:6

**S. Rosemarie Putliese  
James Gales  
Ada Palladino  
Maria Palazzolo**

*Names will be announced at Mass the first week they are submitted and will remain on this list for approximately four weeks. If you would like a loved ones name placed under Prayers for the Sick, please call the rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org)*

## Praying for our Military

*In your generosity, please pray for our parish family members serving abroad in the military. Family members, please call the rectory to add or update your loved one's status if they have returned.*

### US Army

**Sgt. Justin Sikorski  
SPC. Daniel Smith  
PVT Bailey Meyer**

### US Air Force

**SSgt. Jason M. Hermes  
SRA Ryan Kerstiens, SRA Timothy Kerstiens  
PFC Kyle Kerstien**

### US Marine Corps

**Pfc Sean Brady, Patrick Kimes,  
Lt. Col. Robert K. Maldonado.  
L/Cpl. Quentin Montemarano  
LCL Andrew Schlosberg  
MAJ Stephen Bartoszak  
PVT Charles O'Connor**

### US Navy

**STGCS Brian Holzmacher  
ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr.**

*If you would like have someone serving in the military placed on the list above or if a name should be removed, please contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).*

## Celebrating Marriage

We love to celebrate weddings at SJE! If you have plans to get married, contact St. John's ASAP to meet with one of our priests. At this meeting, you can

- Select a date
- Learn about Marriage Preparation, i.e. Pre-Cana
- Find out why marriage makes a difference and much more!

To make an appointment, contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org). If you would like a particular priest to preside at your wedding, it might best to contact him using the e-mail addresses on the front cover of the bulletin.