

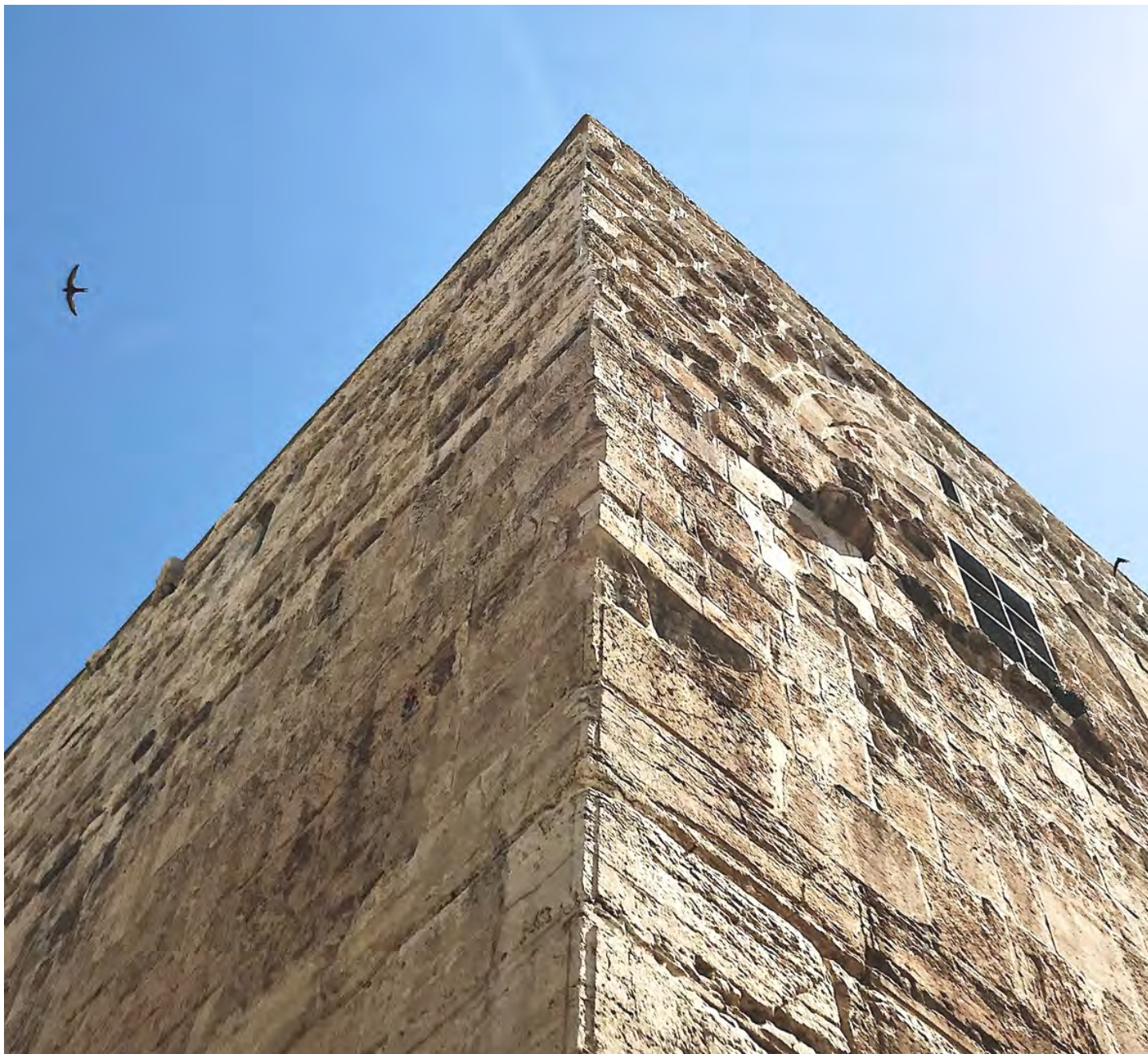


St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church

Inspired by our Patron, St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Center Moriches seeks to bring the light of Christ to a world in need, so that as Christ has done, we may also do. From the celebration of the Eucharist, we are sent forth to serve God and neighbor through ministries of formation, education and outreach.

—Mission Statement



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4, 2020

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone”
-Matthew 21:42

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Have No Anxiety At All

Yeah Right!

Dear Parish Family:

I laughed out loud when preparing for this weekend's homily. The first line from the second reading is so direct and so in contrast to what many of may be feeling (see last week's column). I generally do not use this column for practical information but from time to time I need to update you about what is happening here. As we email and post the bulletin and distribute it at Mass, this may be a more effective forum to communicate than speaking at Masses. Some of these are causes of some worry, some wonderful opportunities and some, well, we'll see where it goes.

Feast of St. Francis. Today, Sunday, we celebrate our traditional Blessing of the Animals. I visited a family recently and they introduced me their new puppy that will ONE day be 150 pounds and his breed doesn't always have the best reputation. I decided to not be afraid and become friends with dog. Hopefully, he will remember that when he gets older.

The blessing is a wonderful tradition that HAS reached out to many who are away from the Church. As my last pastor, Msgr. DeGrocco, used to remind parishioners: "it's a blessing, not an exorcism".

The blessing takes place at 3 p.m. outside of the convent. No anxieties...except if that puppy has gotten much bigger.



Faith Formation. This week, we begin our "formal" Faith Formation program. We should be extraordinarily grateful to Michelle Pirraglia and the Faith Formation staff. We will have some initial confirmation preparation prayer services and then begin a "Family First" program this year. While the pandemic has led to this decision happening now, it is a direction we have been moving in over the past few years. We have required parents to attend meetings and prayer experiences to provide a strong community of family and now take another step. Families with young people in Grades 1-6 will come to a parent catechetical meeting once per month and then will teach their children over that month. More information can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DpGl-W4oGtI>. It is an exciting opportunity for our parish. Let's pray it goes well! No anxiety!

Students in Level 7 and 8 will have a different learning experience. More to come on that another time.

Finances. I want to share some information with you about our parish finances. Admittedly, this part of being a pastor causes significant worry and anxiety. We are blessed with a wonderful Finance Council, a gifted Business Manager in Katie Waller, and dedicated bookkeeper in Sherrill Gillin. I want to share some information with you just so everyone is aware.

2019-20 Budget. I will post the budget in the bulletin in a few weeks after we have submitted it to the diocese. I will likely speak at Mass or post a video online. I'm not sure how to communicate to the largest number of people yet. The 2019-20 budget will show a significant deficit. Part of this deficit is planning for health care, one unplanned expense (see next paragraph), and carryover from some summer projects completed in Summer 2018. Because of repairs and final details that need to be addressed, some

bills were not paid until the fall of 2019, bringing them into the 2019-20 fiscal year. On the advice of the Finance Council, we have since contracted with an outside accountant who has assisted in preparing us a budget for 2020-21. This budget was recently approved by the Finance Council.

I learned last spring that our diocesan pension plan failed to accurately bill our parish for nearly ten years. This was discovered when the pension plan was audited. The expense – nearly \$100,000 – caused more than a little anxiety and some tough conversations between the parish and the diocese. . After consultation with the Leadership Team and the Finance Council and some negotiation with the diocese, I made the decision to pay off this bill in full right away. I did not to drag it out over several years or leave it to future pastors to handle. When you see our balance sheet, you will see a difference between our 2019 and 2020 numbers. That difference is the expense paid in the Fall of 2019.



September 2020 Collection. Last, you will see the financial report for September 2020 (on page 16). The collection revenue for 2020 is significantly less than 2019. While there was one extra weekend in September of 2019, our September 2020 collection is still down considerably. These are tough times for each of us and I know we are all doing the best we can. We will keep an eye on the monthly collection totals and keep you informed. If you have not been able to come to church, please consider making you donation online or mailing your donation to the parish office. Our parish serves and ministers based on the weekly offering of the People of God here in Center Moriches which is how I believe it should be.

This will be a challenging part of life for our parish, our diocese, and for so many families and individuals in the months and years ahead. We will get through it...have no anxiety (Ok, maybe a little!). Thank you for your incredible encouragement and support.

Food. As we move into fall, we find the shelves on the pantry running closer and closer to empty. Please continue to support the work of Ernie's Place by bringing food each week to Church or dropping it off in the bin outside of Ernie's Place. On top of our regular work, we will be getting ready for Thanksgiving. Look for more information about this soon.

This week, Ernie's Place will be staffed again by volunteers on Mondays from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. We have considered offering a third session, perhaps during the day. For now, we will return to former shifts and observe what happens. If an additional shift is needed, we will consider doing so. Thank you to those who are returning and to the new volunteers who will staff Ernie's Place.

I want to express a word of gratitude and regret to those who worked in Ernie's Place before the pandemic. The changes in the past months required us to ask everyone to step back from volunteering in that small space. I'm grateful to them for their understanding.

Faithful Citizens. As elections – national, state, and local – approach, I ask you to read the reflections from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in the bulletin and the document they come from. (A link is in the bulletin.) I ask you to refer to the teachings of our country's bishops as to how Catholics should discern a particular vote. Our favorite columnists, commentators, news channels, newspapers (even ones that call themselves Catholic) are NOT where we should gather information to make an informed decision.

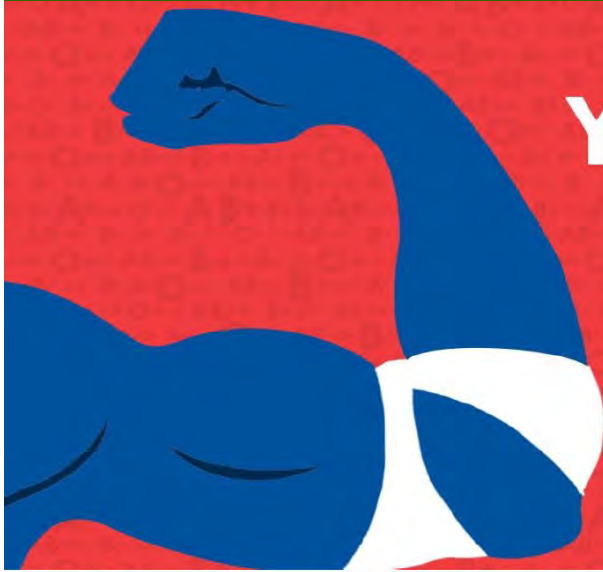


After the "no anxiety" part, St. Paul writes, "make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Amid Francis, Faith Formation, Finances, Faithful Citizenship, and Food, maybe he was on to something after all. Please say a prayer for me.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Faithful".

October 4, 2020

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 **New York** Blood Center

BLOOD DRIVE

St. John the Evangelist RC Church

Saturday, October 10th

9:00am-3:00pm

OLQA School Auditorium

25 Ocean Ave. Center Moriches, NY 11934

To remain in compliance with the federal guidelines for social distancing

Appointment Preferred. Go to: www.nybc.org

Walk-ins welcome if drive capacity permits

To make an appointment please contact Michelle Torres (646)983-0661, mtorres@nybc.org

DONORS PRESENTING:

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- Will have their temperature taken
- Must be 14 days symptom free if recovered from COVID-19
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

Catholics in Public Life



Lecture Series

7pm - 8:30pm @ School Auditorium

Come and learn more about the Church's teachings on the pivotal issues of our contemporary age. Each session will include time for questions and discussions. To RSVP, email Icona@sjecm.org or call 631.878.0009 and leave a message in the main office.

Oct 13

Human Life and Dignity

Timeless Principles for Timely Dilemmas.

An "Organic" Church

Catholicism's Love of Nature and the Environment

Oct 20

Oct 27

Conscience and the Common Good

Catholicism in the Public Square

"Faith in God's Son, who became man and who died for me, must make a mess, must disturb us out of our complacency." - Pope Francis



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

The Catechesis of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is open

Who can register?

- *Adults who have not received the sacrament of Baptism.**
- *Adults who want to complete their Christian Initiation. (First Communion and /or Confirmation).**
- *Adults who want to be accepted in the Catholic Church.**

When to register?

Any day between 9/15 and 10/16.

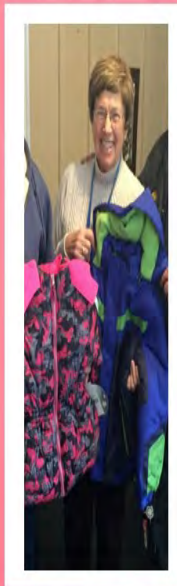
Please set an appointment by sending an e-mail to Fr. Jaime, jcalderon@SJEcm.org. No fee is to be paid for anything.

If you have a child or teenager (under 18) seeking baptism or the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation, please contact the Faith Formation office.



DAILY ROSARY WITH SR. ANN

10:00 AM ON ZOOM



Sr. Ann will be praying the Rosary daily at 9:30 AM via Zoom online. There also is a phone call-in option. All information is below. If you can, please pray with us.



Zoom Online Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81729471841>

Celebration of Fatima's 103rd Anniversary **Saturday, October 10th**

"My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God... Say the rosary every day to bring peace to the world." -Our Lady of Fatima, 1917



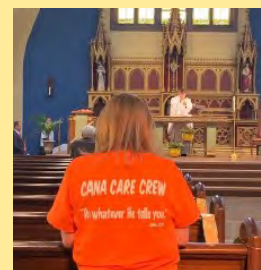
Join us at 12:00 p.m. by the Blessed Mother statue, to the right of the front entrance of St. John the Evangelist church. We'll walk from the church to main street as we pray the rosary. Bring a folding chair if you wish.

CANA CARE CREW **HELP WANTED**

We are looking for more volunteers to assist with the Cana Care Crew, particularly after Masses with the wipe down of the pews. If you and/or your family are willing to help, please fill out this form, or see one of the volunteers in the orange shirts:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdpi1gbgQQV4NNXfgGuVnjV_B5wX2cNH0tUWR0OjJkxgothvQ/viewform

We provide the gloves, t-shirt, towels and cleaning solution. You provide the arm strength and the positive spirit!



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

VIGIL OF ALL SAINTS



Come join us for our first annual *VIGIL OF ALL SAINTS* on Saturday, **OCTOBER 31st at 6PM** on our convent front porch.

Experience this great All Hallow's Eve (Halloween) tradition which includes a candlelit procession, readings of the saints, music, prayers, and of course, candy! Celebrate Halloween like days of old right here at SJE! See



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Monday - Friday:
3PM - 7PM**

Seton Chapel

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament has returned to Seton Chapel.

- If you can be present for a specific hour, fill out this form:

<https://forms.gle/qrC4P6nyDRrJ4xpu5>, email Fr. John at jsureau@sjecm.org or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009

- Parishioners are always welcome to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament even if they cannot make the regular hour commitment.



Looking for daily inspiration?

**Call extension 185
(631-878-0009)**

Call each day for a prayer, spiritual reflection, or Scripture reading from Fr. John or Seminarian Louis.

Share it with those who might need a lift – anyone can call from anywhere!



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul – x. 173 – svdp@sjecm.org

IF YOU ARE IN NEED, PLEASE REACH OUT

If we are unable to assist you directly, we will be more than happy to connect you to resources that can help.

Our office hours in the Red Barn are:

During these days, please call to make an appointment.

Our staff is here to serve you but not on campus at all times.

Please call 631-878-0009 ext. 120 to make an appointment.

Alternative office hours can be given upon request of appointment.

Ernie's Place (Food Pantry) -Monday 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Thursdays 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

It is our hope to open Ernie's Place at our regular times.

Thrift Shop - Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Self Help Support Groups

Please refer to NA and AA literature to determine the status of meetings here at St. John the Evangelist and elsewhere in these days.

SJE STREET MINISTRY

We are continuing to serve the most in need at the Mastic Train Station on Thursday evenings. We are still not yet to the point of bringing out clothes but we are still giving warm dinners and hygiene items to the 20-25 individuals who would otherwise go without. We are tremendously grateful for all of the donations that continue to allow us to do this work. We are in need of the following:



**Disinfectant Wipes + Blankets + Disposable razors +
Women's underwear/socks + Quart zip lock bags + Toilet
paper + (Dollar store) feminine hygiene pads**

Financial donations or gift cards to places such as the Dollar Store or Walmart are most welcome too. Checks may be made payable to St. John the Evangelist and donations can be left in the Parish Office. Donations may be dropped off outside the Parish Office or in the locations listed above.

Thank you for your support of Parish Social Ministry, especially in these days.

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October 2020 • RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Live the Gospel of *Life*

"to imitate Christ
and follow in
his footsteps"

The Gospel of Life



THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics



*Living the Gospel of Life, our office is dedicated to
all areas of healing and evangelization.*

please call us at (516) 678-5800 x 626 to find out more
~Ministry Feature for Week of October 4, 2020 ~



Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be "islands of mercy in the midst of a sea of indifference." Everyone in the parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need. The 25th anniversary year of *Evangelium vitae* gives us a wonderful opportunity to assess, expand, and communicate resources to pregnant moms and families in need. We are inviting parishes, through the support of their bishop and pastor, to join a nationwide effort from March 25, 2020 to March 25, 2021 entitled: "Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service."

go to Office of Human Life,
Family and Bioethics website
for information and healing
opportunities:

<https://respectlife.drvc.org/>

<https://www.walkingwithmoms.com/>

*Walking with
Moms in Need*
a year of service



*Conscience
formation*

*Election Day is
important this
year for the
issues of life.*

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CHICKEN MINISTRY NEWS

Business is booming thanks to the hard-working hens of the Chicken Ministry.

We are again in need of egg cartons. Please drop them off in the basket in the back of the Church. Thank you !



Meals on Wheels

Anyone over 60 years of age who is unable to prepare their meals at home due to: illness, recent hospitalization, is disabled and cannot shop for themselves due to COVID-19, or any other reason, is eligible to apply for meals. We deliver to your home usually around 11am thru 12:00 noon, 5 days per week. Monday - Friday. The meals are overseen by a Registered Dietitian, from Suffolk County Office for the Aging.

Please contact our office at Moriches Meals on Wheels for more details, at 631-874-3856. We will be happy to help.

YOUNG AT HEART



A few weeks ago, Fr. John's Bulletin letter began with, "Long time—no writing!" I have him beat! When I was almost ready to put my fingers and head to work, I came down with this horrible cough. As it wasn't getting better, I went to the doctor and found out that I had Bronchitis. The cough is gone and my energy is almost back to normal—at least until about 1:00 p.m. Oh, well, I'm not as young as I used to be!

How can I recruit more people to join us for the Rosary each morning? I'm trying to reach those especially who can't really get out much. After asking a few questions, there are two answers I get: 1.) 9:30 is just a bit too early, and 2.) I don't have access to the computer. There is another reason too. That is, they say the Rosary on their own. I'm glad that you do say the Rosary but whatever happened to the words of Jesus, **"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in their midst?"**

The answers to the first two reasons are: we change the time back to 10:00 a.m. and remind people that a computer is **not** necessary. All you need is a telephone.

Since **October** is the month in which we honor Our blessed Mother through her Rosary, beginning on **Thursday, 10/1**, the **Rosary** will begin at **10:00 a.m.** You can dial in on **the telephone number: 1-929-205-6099**. I sincerely hope that this will encourage more you to join us each morning. **[We have had a problem this past week in logging on; Zoom has changed its coding, so it was neither your problem nor ours. Hopefully by now, the problem is resolved.]**

If you are an early riser as I am, another excuse I've heard is that you are just in the middle of doing housework or... Perhaps it would be a good time to fix a cup of tea or coffee and take a 20-minute break to spend with Jesus and his Mother. If you have a special intention you may want us to help you pray for it. There is such power in prayer, especially when joined with others. That is why attendance at Mass is so important. Sure, we can all pray on our own and I'm sure you do but there is so much more power when we do things together. The Indians had it right, "It takes the tribe to raise a child."

Stay well; keep that mask on and over the nose. Wash your hands frequently, sanitize them.
God bless you all.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

The upcoming election – as each election should – calls us to deep discernment regarding the choices we make. The bishops of the United States of America wrote *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* in 2015. They have published an updated Introductory Letter for our consideration. I ask that you read it and the entire document carefully before voting this year. You can access the entire document here: <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/upload/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship.pdf>. We will publish excerpts from the Introductory Letter each week in the bulletin.

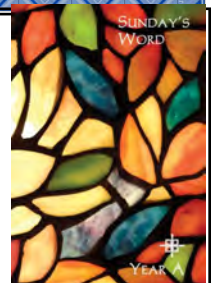
This week's excerpt -

As Catholics, we bring the richness of our faith to the public square. We draw from both faith and reason as we seek to affirm the dignity of the human person and the common good of all. With renewed hope, we, the Catholic Bishops of the United States, are re-issuing *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, our teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics, which provides guidance for all who seek to exercise their rights and duties as citizens. Everyone living in this country is called to participate in public life and contribute to the common good. In *Rejoice and Be Glad* [Gaudete et Exsultate], Pope Francis writes: Your identification with Christ and his will involves a commitment to build with him that kingdom of love, justice and universal peace. . . . You cannot grow in holiness without committing yourself, body and soul, to giving your best to this endeavor. The call to holiness, he writes, requires a “firm and passionate” defense of “the innocent unborn.” “Equally sacred,” he further states, are “the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection.”

Merciful Father, Thank you for inviting each of us to join in your work of building the kingdom of love, justice, and peace. Draw us close to you in prayer as we discern your call in our families and communities. Send us forth to encounter all whom you love: those not yet born, those in poverty, those in need of welcome. Inspire us to respond to the call to faithful citizenship, during election season and beyond. Help us to imitate your charity and compassion and to serve as models of loving dialogue. Teach us to treat others with respect, even when we disagree, and seek to share your love and mercy. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

SUNDAY'S WORD

We have available editions of *Sunday's Word* 2021. You can pick them up and take them with you. **A free will offering of \$5.00 is requested but not required. You can place your offering in one of the Poor Boxes.** These books contain all of the Sunday readings as well as the psalm and antiphons for Daily Mass. They can be picked up in the Vestry or in the Parish Office.



Magnificat and Give Us This Day are Catholic resources that provide the daily Mass readings, meditations and prayers.

Magnificat — <https://us.magnificat.net/> Give Us This Day — <https://giveusthisday.org/>



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Ernie's Place

St. John's Food Pantry
Ministry

Mondays – 6:30 p.m. to
7:30 p.m.

Thursdays – 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Donations can be left in Fellowship Area of
Church, Rectory or Bin outside of Pantry.

SHOPPING LIST

+ Tuna	+ Oatmeal
+ Chicken in a Can	+ Cereal

Thank you for your continued generosity.
*Cut out this list and bring it with you when you
go shopping!*

The Thrift Shop is open!

*Please follow these
procedures:*

-You may only park in
the Church parking lot
or on the back of St.
John Place.

-You may NOT park in
the school parking lot.

-A limited number
of shoppers will be
allowed in the thrift
shop at a time.

-Masks are required.



STEWARDSHIP

September 2020

September 2019 Collection Total (5 Sundays)	\$83,361
September 2020 Collection Total (4 Sundays)	\$57,563
Envelopes	\$36,980
WeShare	\$20,583

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1 TEXT **SJECM** TO **555888** or visit
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2 Select the collection of your
choice.

3 Choose a payment option and
customize your donation.

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Comunidad Hispano de San Juan Evangelista, Center Moriches

La Comunidad Hispana de nuestra Parroquia en Centro Moriches, te invita a celebrar la Santa Misa en Espanol los Sabados a las 7:30 p.m. en la Iglesia, y los Martes a las 7:30 p.m en La Capilla del Convento.

Te invitamos a compartir la Palabra de Dios en el Grupo de Oracion, todos los Viernes a las 7:30 p.m. en la Capilla del Convento de la Parroquia. Ven a enriquecer tu vida espiritual orando

MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

Bautismos: Segundo Domingo a las 2p.m. en la Iglesia. Clases pre-bautismos es el tercer miércoles de cada mes.

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.

R.I.C.A: Padre Jaime- 1-631.878.0009

Templos del Espiritu Santo (Grupo de Jovenes) cada sabado a las 5PM en el Red Barn

Feligreses de la comunidad Hispana de St. Juan Evangelista en Centro Moriches

*La subscripcion deben hacerla en linea usando la pagina de <http://www.stjohntheevangelist.com>.

*Hacer click en el cuadrito que dice "Baptisms."

*Usted puede ver el video que sigue en la pagina siguiente, o puede ir en la parte superior al texto que dice: "click here to continue with the process".

*Si no estas registrado como parroquiano de San Juan, debes hacer este paso primero, para que obtengas tu numero de parish ID.

*Si ya estas registrado, usa tu numero de Parish ID, para que llenes el registrado con los datos de tu bebe.

CFN Espanol

Catholic Faith Network (CFN) launched a new web-based hub for Hispanic Catholics, CFN Español, on September 13th. CFN Español can be accessed by visiting www.cfnespanol.org. This new hub will serve as a central source for existing and new Hispanic Catholic content. Currently the Weekly Audience of Pope Francis from Rome will be available as well as the weekly Sunday Spanish language mass from the Parish of Our Lady of Loretto, Hempstead. A Spanish language rosary is also available.



FAITH FORMATION

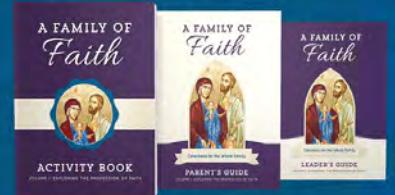
Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 5 + Website: sjecm.org + Facebook: StJohn FaithFormation

Email: faithformation@sjecm.org / mpirraglia@sjecm.org

Office Hours: Monday-By Appointment Only (Monday-Thursday) (RED BARN, Upstairs)

GRADES 1-6 PROGRAM "A FAMILY OF FAITH" October Parent Meetings & Book Pickup

A FAMILY OF
Faith
A New Parish-Based
Program that Catechizes
the Entire Family



Tuesday, October 6 at 5PM OR 7PM

OR

Thursday, October 8 at 9:30AM OR 7PM

All meetings take place in the Church

***You need only attend ONE of our four options.**

***We ask that only one adult per family attend, due to space limitations.**

BOOK PICKUP: Book pickup will be held during our October Parent Meetings. If you have not registered your Grade 1-6 student, please contact us at faithformation@sjecm.org

*Our "Family of Faith" program involves parent meetings once a month.

*There are four meeting options each month and a parent is asked to attend ONE each month.

*Meetings will be Live Streamed via our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/WelcomeHomeStJohn

LEVEL 7 & 8—OPENING PRAYER SERVICES

Level 7: Tuesday, October 13 @ 7:15PM in the Church

Level 8: Monday, October 5 @ 7:15PM in the Church

*Students should be accompanied by one adult if they attend in-person. We will live stream the Opening Prayer Services via our Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/WelcomeHomeStJohn

NEW FAITH FORMATION WEBSITE:

sjecmff.blogspot.com



FROM THE SEMINARIAN'S DESK

"Maker of All Things Visible and Invisible"

On the Extraordinary Reality of God's Invisible Creation

Dorothy Sayers, the celebrated English playwright, once remarked that the drama of Christianity lies in its dogma. In other words, Ms. Sayers argued, the astonishing nature of Christianity emerges precisely in the most overlooked and underappreciated part of the faith, namely, in the Creed. Take any line of the Nicene Creed that we pray together each Sunday and we will soon discover remarkable statements that both challenge and attract the inquisitive nature of men and women. For example, we recite in the Creed that God is the "maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible." Things visible and invisible. How often do we miss the extraordinary nature of this article of faith! Many of us routinely accept the revelation of God's creation, but often reduce this article of faith to the purely physical and visible reality that surrounds us. Yet we pray and profess each Sunday that God also created "all things invisible." How could this be? How could the invisible, that which we cannot see or touch, be real? What is this invisible reality that God created?



First, we must recognize that we accept and take for granted many elements of daily living that are both intangible and invisible. The law of gravity comes to mind here, as well as the passage of time, the reality of our own human soul, and most of all, love. These examples reveal just a handful of invisible realities that we take for granted and accept on a daily basis. We may deny that gravity exists because we cannot see or feel it, but any object that we drop will always fall to the ground no matter how strongly we deny gravity's existence. We may wish to place everything into a scientific formula to determine truth, but then we could never account for the dynamic reality of love that defies all empirical testing. We are immersed in a world of visible and invisible realities. Thus, St. John Paul II explained that "man enjoys a unique position within the sphere of creation; by his body he belongs to the visible world, while by his spiritual soul which vivifies the body, he is as it were on the boundary between the visible and invisible creation."

The Creed, however, posits something more than merely invisible forces, laws, or virtues, but rather, that God created invisible things. What are these invisible things that God created? The angels. Yes, angels are real. They are pure spirits and free beings who serve a pivotal role in the drama of salvation history. Our culture often sentimentalizes angels in drawings or paintings, but in reality they do not have bodies since they are free, pure, intelligent spirits that always evoke fear when encountering men and women. "Do not be afraid" the Archangel Gabriel said to Mary when first appearing to her at the Annunciation. An angel greeted the shepherds in a similar way to announce Christ's birth, and we see the same pattern in the Old Testament when men and women encounter angelic beings. An encounter with an angel is beyond our comprehension as we can only think and imagine materially and physically, and so naturally the Archangel Gabriel's encounter with Mary and the host of angels encountering the Shepherds evoked fear since an angel is beyond anything they have ever experienced or imagined. There is much more we can write regarding the reality of the angels. In fact, there is an entire field of study devoted to the angels called "angelology."

It is important to note here a common misunderstanding of death which falsely claims that we men and women become angels in heaven. This is not true. Angels are of an entirely different nature. They are pure spirits. We, on the other hand, are on that boundary between the material and spiritual world. We are embodied souls. In other words, the true nature of a human being includes both his body and soul. We cannot be human without one or the other. We need both. Thus, at a death, we experience the separation of body and soul. Our souls are immortal and survive our bodily death, but we await the Second Coming of Christ when we will receive our bodies back. We are incomplete until that moment. That is why the Prophet Ezekiel can tell us so emphatically: "O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them!" The resurrection of the body. This is our great hope. The dogma is the drama!

As we conclude this "week of the angels" with the feast day celebrations of Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael (September 29) and the Guardian Angels (October 2), we can give thanks for the extraordinary reality of their existence, as well as for their constant protection and companionship throughout our lives. Angels exist. They are with us each time we celebrate the Holy Mass "and so with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and

Dominions...we sing the hymn of your glory..." The angels are with us as we depart from this world into eternity "...may the angels lead you into Paradise..." and they are with us at every moment from our birth as our guides and protectors. Let us follow the example of Pope St. John XXIII who would send his guardian angel on missions and invoke their intercession daily. May the choirs of angels and all the hosts and powers of heaven intercede for us, protect us, and lead us safely into eternal life. Amen.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

TODAY—Sunday, October 4, 2020

3:00 pm. + Convent Deck



Come bring your entire family – including your four-legged, winged, crawling, and gilled creatures – as we celebrate the feast of St. Francis and our entire parish community!

Each year, in October, the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, a saint known for his kindness to animals. Did you know that St. Francis was the first one to use barnyard animals in the Nativity scene? Food and fellowship for all to follow – and each pet gets a special treat to take home with them!



Mass Card Intentions

As a way to offer comfort and solace during this time, 2020 Mass Intentions are available. To request a Mass Intention, please contact the rectory with the following information: **(ALL MASS CARDS WILL BE MAILED)**:

Your Name: _____

Your Phone number: _____

Your Email: _____

Name for whom the mass is offered: _____

*please notate living or deceased

Mass stipend Announced: \$20 (check or cash)

Date requested: _____

The address where you would like the Mass card mailed:

Name: _____

Street: _____ **Town:** _____



You can reserve your Mass intention electronically by clicking [here](https://forms.gle/yawMSuwgKwLY858U6)—

Or copying and pasting :
<https://forms.gle/yawMSuwgKwLY858U6>

PREPARING FOR THE WEEK

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

ALL EVENTS AND MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, October 5, 2020 + Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Souls of the Faithful Departed
12 Noon	Vincent Lanni

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 + Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Don Lyon
12 Noon	Thomas Scheer
7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available

Wednesday, October 7, 2020 + Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

7:00 a.m.	Connie Cange
12 Noon	Anna Catanzaro

Thursday, October 8, 2020 + Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Fr. Bruno Swiatocha
12 Noon	Fr. Patrick J. Callan

Friday, October 9, 2020 + Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Special Intention— Mary Cole
12 Noon	Margaret and James Finley

Saturday, October 10, 2020 + Weekday

8:00 a.m.	Donna Dowling
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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass of Anticipation

5:00 p.m.	Anthony Peruzzi
7:30 p.m.	The People of the Parish

Sunday

8:00 a.m.	Vivian Cordeiro
10:00 a.m..	Paul DuBois
12:00 p.m.	Donna Dowling
6:00 p.m.	Ralph Passarelle

PRAYING FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER

We Remember...

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

-Entrance Antiphon, Funeral Mass
Gail Smith, Frank Panzarino, Gail Ann Degan,
Margaret Ann Wiebalck, Juan Villegas,
Geraldine A. Bauer

We Pray...

"In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials..." -1 Peter 1:6

**Christopher Davis, Beverly Howell,
Pat DiPerro, Fr. Tom Pers**

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 one's name placed under Prayers for the Sick, please call the rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to rectory@sjecm.org

Praying for Our Military

US Army

Sgt. Justin Sikorski, PVT Bailey Meyer, PVT Sean Casey, SGT Daniel Smith, PVT Joseph Cestare, PFC David Smith, PVT Jack Dyer, SPC Jarrad Saturnino, PVT Michael Garcia Jr.

US Air Force

SSgt. Jason M. Hermes, SSgt Ryan Kerstiens, SSgt Timothy Kerstiens, PFC Kyle Kerstiens, MAJ Salvatore Sferrazza

US Marine Corps

Pfc Sean Brady, Patrick Kimes, Lt. Col. Robert K. Maldonado, CPL Andrew Schlosberg PVT Charles O'Connor, SGT Quentin Montemarano, Recruit Evan Berkemeyer

US Navy

STGCS Brian Holzmacher, ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr., MMN3 Christopher J. Esposito Jr.

Remembering our Loved Ones

Helping our Parish

Altar Bread and Wine—for the month an offering of \$150 is requested

Altar Candles—\$25.00 /week



Altar bread and wine for the month of October has been donated: In memory of Diane Zureck.

This week, the Blessed Mother candle has been lit in memory of Fran Hoffman.



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(in the Blue House)

Monday—Thursday:

9 a.m.—8 p.m.

Friday—Saturday

9 a.m.—2p.m.

*We ask that you call before
visiting any parish offices.*

Come and pray with us!

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Evening

5 p.m. + 7:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)

*(Saturday Evening 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Masses
will be livestreamed.)*

Videos remain on Facebook after the live broadcast.)



Sunday

8:00 a.m. + 10:00 a.m.

12 Noon + 6:00 p.m.

Please call the Rectory or check SJE Social Media for latest updates.

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday—Friday: 7:00 a.m. + 12 Noon

Tuesday: 7:30 p.m. (Spanish—Seton Chapel)

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

(The 7 a.m. Daily Mass will be livestreamed.)

Videos remain on Facebook after the live broadcast.)

Come and know God's Mercy!

We celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Monday—Friday: After the 7 a.m. and 12 Noon Masses

Saturday: After the 8 a.m. Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. + 7:00—7:15 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday: 5:30—5:45 p.m.

Confessions will now take place in Our Lady's Chapel in the Church.

Come and know God's healing of the sick!

**Please contact the Rectory (631.878.0009, x. 9) for a priest to
celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick with the
seriously ill or those preparing for surgery.**

Give us a call!

A daily spiritual message is recorded each day for you to hear.

Call 631.878.0009, x. 185.

Share this with family members and friends who are homebound.