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#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

(in the Blue House)

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

**Friday** 

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday

By appointment only

(Un traductor español está disponible los martes por la noche.)

# St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church

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"I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats"

Ezekiel 34:17

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 26, 2017

#### 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, 5:30p.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.; 6:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. (Spanish) and on Sundays from 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 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 on Mondays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Thursdays immediately after the 12 Noon Mass.

Exposition takes place in Seton Chapel in the Convent building.

**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 and after the Noon Mass in the Auditorium.

MONDAYS + We pray the Miraculous Medal Novena after the 7 a.m. Mass at 7:30 p.m. in the Seton Chapel in Convent on most Mondays, with the exception of holidays and whenever the parish is closed. The Holy Hour for Priests follows after the Novena on Monday evenings



# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

# Praying the Truth

# **NOVENA OF GRACE**

Dear Parish Family:

I promise you that I am not just repeating a former bulletin column. I wrote about this same topic last March. I want to repeat what I said in that column. I am always leery to share about some of my own spiritual practices. I would never want you to think because a priest or a pastor finds a certain prayer, devotion or tradition helpful that you must do the same. I believe we do learn from each other and support one another in all aspects of life, especially the spiritual life.

Bishop Murphy ordained me a priest on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Feast of St. Francis Xavier. St. Francis Xavier, like most of the saints, has quite a story. Life did not take him where he may have wanted or dreamed of going. Yet while surprised by the journey, he never failed to respond to God's call of spreading the Gospel to a challenging part of the world.

The Novena of Grace is prayed in connection to St. Francis Xavier and since being ordained nearly six years ago, I have grown to have a greater appreciation for this prayer. It can be prayed at any time, but is encouraged around the time of his feast day and the date of his canonization (March 12<sup>th</sup>). The nine-day tradition of praying constantly has a long tradition in our Church. You probably remember that Paul Clores led us in the Novena to the Holy Spirit between Ascension and Pentecost last Spring. The Novena of Grace has long enjoyed a reputation for being very effective in praying the truth, in speaking to the Lord of our real desires. The Novena should begin today for those who wish to conclude it on December 3rd.

Maybe this could be the something for you. Let me share a little bit of how I carry this out (but, again, just because I do this in a certain way, doesn't mean you have to do the same).

First, I pray with a booklet that I downloaded. As I write this letter, I'm creating a new booklet from that one as well as from a few other resources I have gathered. I'll leave them at the doors of the Church, Seton Chapel and the Rectory.

Second, I try to pray the Novena at the same time each day. For me it's about 4:30 a.m. in the morning. You're probably a little more normal than me.

Third, I use a version of the Novena of Grace with reflection questions. I generally try to write down my responses and reflections (and am often surprised at how much I write!).

Fourth, I close with the novena prayer.

One of the things about the Novena of Grace that makes it effective is the need for the one who prays to be clear about the grace he or she desires. Over the past few years, I have never failed to see God at work in the graces I have sought. I would be dishonest if I said that God followed all of my directions and plans. He usually doesn't. Thank God! I can also honestly say I have never completed the Novena without seeing how God has addressed my prayers.

We're getting close to Advent. As we approach this season, we are often looking for something to keep us focused, to open us up more to the "breaking in" of God into our lives. Often we are looking for something to keep us in the real spirit of the season. Maybe this Novena of Grace might be what you need. Consider picking up a booklet or downloading one from the internet. If you would rather not, that's OK too. Can I ask then that you pray for me in these days of the Novena of Grace?

# **ADVENT GIVING TREE**

"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?" And the king will say to them in reply, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."
-Matthew 25

The final judgement in the Gospel of Matthew should serve as a call to action for each and every one of us.

Our parish Advent Giving Tree is one way to respond! Our parish social ministries are working together to support life at all stages. There will be tags on our Giving Tree to help the hungry, the unborn, the sick, the immigrant and those in prison. If you are interested, there will be a Christmas Tree located in the back of the Auditorium.

#### Nana's House

An emergency shelter for men who are homeless.

North Fork Spanish

Apostolate
Build integrated communities by empowering low-income people on Long Island, particularly immigrants living or working on the East End.



#### Penates Inc.

An emergency shelter for women who are homeless. The shelter houses 17 wom-

#### Isabella House

Isabella Housing Foundation's purpose is to provide support, by way of fundraisers and contributions. to impoverished unwed pregnant women and/or mothers with children while the unwed mother are actively pursuing a college degree or in a work training program to allow them to become selfsufficient. Such assistance would include: parenting training, counseling, meal preparation, shopping, food, clothing, housing and praver.

# STREET MINISTRY

Support our parish's own outreach work—serving 50 to 60 people weekly.

# Prison Ministry

Support our Diocesan Prison Ministry as they provide gifts for the children of men and women in prison.

# **REASONS FOR HOPE**

Each week, during this time of rebuilding, I will try to list some more "reasons for hope". Our movement out of the Church to the Auditorium and Convent can be a bit unsettling and, at some times, a little sad. Maybe these reasons for hope will help us to stay focused.

This week we received a donation and a beautiful letter from our friends at Center Moriches United Methodist Church.

To Whom it May Concern,

Enclosed you will find a donation from the Sunday School students at Center Moriches United Methodist Church. They worked for many hours raising money selling baked goods to help your church rebuild after the hardship you endured earlier this year. The children of our church voted unanimously to give their entire earnings from the bake sale to St. John's.

My heart spills over with the generosity and love that this donation is being given to you with. May God share his blessings as he sees his children working together in His holy name. Fondest Blessings Sincerely,

Sherry Kretach

# **ADVENT 2017**

We begin our celebration of the season of Advent next weekend! There are some practical details we need to talk about:

- 1. Because we will not be in the Auditorium for more than a few months, God willing, we will NOT be getting new editions of *Breaking Bread*. This means that the readings and psalms will not be in the book.
- 2. We will have available editions of Sunday's Word 2018. 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.
- 3. We will need to listen well to our cantors for the Responsorial Psalm each week. If you look in the missalette you're going to be frustrated. Both the text and music will be different.
- 4. This may be a good opportunity for each one of us, particularly as the sound is vastly improved in the Auditorium worship space. The Word is meant to be encountered as spoken! Think of it as God speaking to you. Let's work hard to listen in these weeks ahead.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

# **ADVENT** Music Notes

#### PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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Alex Finta + afinta@sjecm.org + Associate Director of Parish Social Ministry (631-878-0009 ext. 127)

Ministry of Consolation: Eve O'Brien—eveobrien@optonline.net

Helen Williams—hannah51@optonline.net

Communion to the Homebound: Sister Ann Berendes, IHM

Community Meal: Fr. John Sureau—jsureau@sjecm.org

Homeless Outreach: Alex Finta

Respect Life Group: Maria Sikora—msikora@sjecm.org

# Were 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!

#### **Office Hours**

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Monday—Friday (Please call for an appointment.)

#### Food Pantry

Monday evenings: 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m + Thursday afternoons: 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Thrift Shop

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### **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.

#### SHOPPING LIST

Canned vegetables
Pork and Beans
Pasta sauce (but not pasta)
Canned foods and meats
Toilet paper

Thank you for your continued generosity.



Cut out this list and bring it with you when you go shopping!

# **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. As the cold winter months approach us, we are in need of the following items:

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.

- Jackets
- Blankets
- Sweatshirts
- Socks (New)
- Underwear (New)
- Hats and gloves
- Boots and sneakers

- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Peanut Butter/ Jelly
- Water

#### PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

#### ARE YOU A USED CAR SALESMAN?

The Street Ministry is looking for a used van/box truck that would help us to better serve our parishioners in need. The van would need to be in working condition. It would not be used for any kind of passenger transport.



Have an idea? Know someone? Want to give the Church a van/box truck? Contact Alex Finta, Associate Director of Parish Social Ministry at 631.878.0009, x 127 or e-mail to afinta@sjecm.org.

#### **Prison Families Anonymous**

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me."

Matthew 25:35-36

Prison Families Anonymous welcomes anyone who now has, or ever had, a loved one involved in the juvenile or criminal justice system. At meetings, we share our experience, strength and hope. Here we offer information and assistance in navigating the criminal justice system. We encourage members to exchange phone numbers and when possible to carpool to upstate prisons.

#### Prison Families Anonymous (PFA)

Life becomes more difficult and stressful for family and friends when a loved one becomes incarcerated. Relationships and responsibilities can become strained and the dynamics within the family often change dramatically. The PFA Support Group provides a safe, non-judgmental place where those in similar situations can connect with each other. It provides compassion, support and information to family members during their very difficult times.

The Prison Families Anonymous Support Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month starting at 7:30 P.M. at the Community Presbyterian Church 1843 Deer Park Avenue

Deer Park, NY 11729

Northeast corner of Deer Park and Lake Ave. Use rear door closest to parking lot.



### REBUILD + REPAIR + RESTORE

Your people shall rebuild the ancient ruins; the foundations from ages past you shall raise up; "Repairer of the

## **FUND A FOOT**

**RESTORATION CAMPAIGN IS UNDERWAY!** Over \$70,000 raised in one week!

As mentioned at Mass, these funds will help us cover the gap between what will be covered by insurance and what we can do to improve our Church building.

	St. John the Evangelist		
<b>FUND A</b>	<b>FOOT Restoration Camp</b>	paig	ır

I'm helping to fund the restoration of St. John the Evangelist by assisting with the following number of feet in the Church.

25 feet = \$625.00	20 feet = \$500.00	10 feet = \$250.00
$_{2}$ feet = \$50.00	4 feet = \$100.00	$_{}1$ foot = 25.00
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#### **FAITH FORMATION**

Phone: 631-878-0009 ext.123 + Website: sjecm.org + Facebook: StJohn FaithFormation Email: faithformation@sjecm.org / mpirraglia@sjecm.org

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 12Noon-5:00PM (RED BARN, Upstairs)

# LEVEL 8 PARENT MEETING: NOVEMBER 27 & 28

Our first Level 8 Parent Meeting is being held during class times on Monday, November 27 and Tuesday, November 28. Please be sure to attend to receive your child's retreat date and other important information about Confirmation!



# LEVEL 8 STUDENTS: SAINT REPORT DUE

Please also note that the Saint Report for Level 8 students was due November 1, along with their candidate covenant and information sheet. Their sponsor form also was due in June. All paperwork is available on the parish website: sjecm.org (click on menu>Faith Formation>scroll down to Faith Formation Forms).

If your child has not yet submitted his/her report, please send it via email to: confirmation@sjecm.org.

# **GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH!**



### **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

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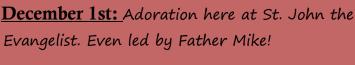
Life Teen (High School Youth Ministry): Michael Clauberg + mclauberg@sjecm.org

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

Young Adult Ministry: youth@sjecm.org

#### Office Hours

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



December 13th: Trip to NYC for adoration, Mass, and social after. Contact Mike for more

December 27th: Mass at St. John's & Social after.





If you want more information you can Contact Mike @ mclauberg@sjecm.org.

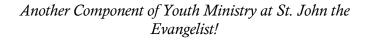


YOUNG ADULT

#### **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY** Come down Wednesday

November 22<sup>nd</sup> for fun, faith & fellowship! 7:00-8:30 (Meet in the Gym)

Bring your friends! 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders!



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 e-mailing Fr. John at jsureau@sjecm.org.



Join Edge: Contact Megan, Mike or Zack at Youth@sjecm.org

# **NOVEMBER HIGH SCHOOL** YOUTH NIGHTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26: Off/Thanksgiving weekend

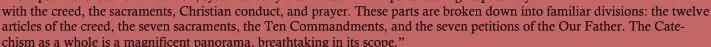


#### PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Last month we celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. To mark this anniversary, Bishop Barres has written a letter to invite us to a deeper reflection about ways to better implement the Catechism into our own lives. After this letter, at the suggestion of members of our Pastoral Council, we'll include excerpts of the Catechism in the bulletin throughout the year. Bishop Barres writes:

# 7)Celebrate the Organic Structure of the Catechism and its Role in the New Evangelization

In his 1994 Laurence J. McGinley lecture entitled "The Challenge of the Catechism," Avery Cardinal Dulles writes: "The Catechism sets forth the whole body of Catholic teaching in an organic manner. It is a serene, comprehensive presentation of the authoritative teaching of Scripture and Catholic tradition, systematically distributed in four parts dealing respectively



The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is a Compass for the New Evangelization. It also prepares the ground for deeper theological study and reflection and deeper prayer.

It is a critical and providential tool for New Evangelizers pursuing *dramatic missionary growth* on Long Island and around the world.

I encourage every Catholic not only to obtain a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* but to begin to read it and pray it.

The *Catechism* is not something that can be read in one, or ten, or 100 sittings. Instead it should generally be read in small bites and in the context of the biblical passages it constantly cites.

You will find that it sometimes takes work, but that will be work that will help you more deeply understand and appreciate our Catholic faith and how Christ wants us to live our lives.

And, as you read, study and pray the *Catechism*, ask yourself how you too can evangelize and catechize others with its content, how you too can be an instrument of *dramatic missionary growth* through your holiness and your missionary spirit.

#### **COME JOIN OUR LADY'S ARMY THE LEGION OF MARY**

One of the wonderful ways to become more involved in parish life here at St. John the Evangelist is through The Legion of Mary. The Legion meets regularly and welcomes you to join in praying the rosary, spiritual readings, and discussing service to our neighbors in need.

Membership is open to men and women of all ages. The Legion is a great opportunity to join a community of faith-in-action, grow closer to Jesus and Mary, and support our Pastor and our church. Active Member activities include evangelization work, visits to the sick and aged, outreach to our neighbors, religious education, prison and hospital ministry, and escorting the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima to homes in the parish. We also lead our parish's First Saturday Program, sponsor St. John's annual May Crowning of our Lady, and promote special events, pilgrimages, and retreats with other Legions on Long Island.

The Legion of Mary meets every Thursday at 4:00 PM in our Red Barn. Individuals unable to commit to active membership can support us in prayer through auxiliary membership. Please call Judy Paulsen at 631-878-5872 or Christine Cappiello at 631-757-9834 for more information. Come spread the love of Jesus with our Lady's help.



On Tuesday, November 14, 2017, the Legion of Mary with the support of the Knights of Columbus and many others welcomes Fatima Pilgrim Statue to St. John the Evangelist. The statue has been travelling throughout the Diocese. We were blessed to have the statue here. Thanks, too, to Fr. Felix for his presence and support.

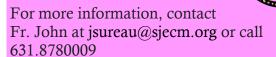


# **PRAYER AND WORSHIP**

#### **ATLAR SOCIETY**

Do you love to iron and clean? Great with a can of starch? Would like to help SJE from your own home?

We are in need of some new members for the SJE Altar Society. The members of the SJE Altar Society take care of our liturgical cloths and garments used at Daily Mass, Sunday Mass and funerals. You can do this on your own time in your own home. We'll work on a schedule for pick ups and drop offs.





WHEN: Sunday, December 10, 2017 10am. (Right after the Children's 9am Mass) WHERE: Saint Johns School Cafeteria

<u>WHAT SHOULD I BRING</u>: Sandwich meats& cheeses, bread, peanut-butter and jelly, knives, plastic baggies and gloves

<u>WHO SHOULD I BRING</u>: This is great family time and open to everyone that wants to volunteer their time.

# 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: Mar-

tes- 7 PM – 9 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 segundo martes de cada

mes

Locación – en el Convento (la casa blanca) 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

# **PRAYER AND WORSHIP**

#### **Remembering our Loved Ones**

Helping our Parish

**Altar Bread and Wine**—for the month an offering of \$150 is requested **Altar Candles**—\$25.00 per week

Altar bread and wine for the month of November Has been donated: For the Glaser Family



# **Stewardship**

How can I repay the LORD for all the great good done for me?

• Psalm 116:2

Due to early submission, the collection information for 11/19 will be published in next week's bulletin.

Each week, we provide envelopes for specific areas of parish life. This allows us to focus our stewardship in certain areas. Ideally, we would love to have a strong regular collection which would make these envelopes unnecessary. Next week, please make use of the Parish Social Ministry envelope and/or place your offering in the regular collection.

## David Turpin Sport's Field-OUR FIELD OF DREAMS

The sports field has seen it's better days and we are looking to clean it up. This is a great opportunity for our parish community and, most importantly, for our students and families OLQA as well as alumni of OLQA and St. John the Evangelist School.



Therefore, we are looking for form a committee to come up with some ideas to make this field something special for the parish, school, and the Turpin family and perhaps even expand the area!

If you have some ideas, and would like to be part of this, please email our seminarian, Paul Clores, at pclores@SJEcm.org or call at 631.878.0009

# NEXT WEEK'S READINGS First Sunday of Advent

**Reading I:** Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7 *May the Lord come when we are doing good.* 

Responsorial Psalm: PS 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 *The Lord will strengthen us to the end.* 

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37
We know not the hour the Lord will come.

#### **Discussion Questions**

- 1. Is there a veil that keeps you from seeing God's presence at work in your life and in your world? How can you use Advent to lift that veil, to get more in touch with God in and around you?
- 2. St. Paul's concern here is to make sure you are ready for life with God after death. Is there life with God before your death? Explain. If you feel sometimes that, indeed, "you are ... lacking in ... spiritual gifts," what could you do during Advent to restart, to recover the goals of your existence?
- 3. As vigilant gatekeepers watching for the Lord of the house, what signs do you observe that tell you God is present in the world and in your life?

The Knights of Columbus is looking for new members.

If interested, please contact Grand Knight Ken Swicicki at 631-375-7005. Thank you.



# **MUSIC MINISTRY**

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Director of Music Ministries

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Tess Austin + tessaustin1624@gmail.com

Stephanie Lengyel + sllengyel@gmail.com

# This Week's Music

The readings for today's liturgies are now found in our Breaking Bread Hymnal.

Scheduled Hymns for 11/25 and 11/26

Entrance Hymn: #714, Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

<u>Preparation Hymn:</u> #384, The Servant Song <u>Communion Hymn:</u> #351, The Supper of the Lord

Closing Hymn: #594, Christ Be Our Light

See important music notes on other pages of the bulletin.

This past Wednesday, the Church celebrated the Feast of St. Cecilia, the patroness of musicians. Seeking her intercession, let us pray.

Oh Lord, please bless this music that it might glorify your name. May the talent that you have bestowed upon us be used only to serve you. Let this music be a witness to your majesty and love, and remind us that you are always watching, and listening, from your throne above. May your presence and beauty be found in every note, and may the words that are sung reach the hearts of your people so they will draw closer to you. May your Spirit guide us through every measure so that we might be the instruments of your peace, and proclaim your glory with glad voices. Amen

#### The Moriches Choral Society Presents

MESSIAH - G.F. Handel, December 15th, 7:30PM in the School Auditorium. Please see Andrew McKeon or a cantor for Tickets, and further details. This will be a vibrant production complete with orchestra, over 45 voices, soloists, and organ.

# **PRAYING FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER**

#### We Believe

Baptism incorporates us into Christ and forms us into God's people.
-Rite of Baptism, 2

Our Newly Baptized: Carmine Jacob Amendola, Marlena Grace Kowalski, Serenity Grace Dennison

#### **We Celebrate**

"The sacrament (of Matrimony) is a gift given for the sanctification and salvation of the spouses, since "their mutual belonging is a real representation, through the sacramental sign, of the same relationship between Christ and the Church."

—Pope Francis, The Joy of Love, 55 III. Matthew Mazarakis and Stephanie Ratti

### We Pray...

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

-1 Peter 1:6

#### Ken Lawson

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

# **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

#### **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

#### 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.



# PREPARING FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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10:00 a.m. FF Classes Level 1-2 Classrooms	10:00 a.m.	FF Classes Level 1-2	Classrooms
Sunday, December 3, 2017	Sunday, Dece	mber 3, 2017	
6:30 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous RBMR	6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
8:00 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Men's) RBMR	8:00 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (Men's)	RBMR

	MASS SCHEDULE
Monday, N	ovember 27, 2017
Weekday	
7:00 a.m.	George Sapa
12 Noon	Catherine McKoy
Tuesday, N Weekday	ovember 28, 2017
7:00 a.m.	All Souls Day Novena
12 Noon	Kevin Parkin
<b>Wednesda</b> y Weekday	y, November 29, 2017
7:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Depaola Family
12 Noon	All Souls Day Novena
Thursday, N St. Andrew	November 30, 2017 , Apostle
7:00 a.m.	Patrica Plunkett
12 Noon	Jesus Cruz
Friday, Dec Weekday	ember 1, 2017
7:00 a.m.	Fr. Hugh Cannon
7:00 a.m. 12 Noon	Fr. Hugh Cannon Gerlando Volpe
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