



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



First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

“May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.”

-Mark 13:36

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Gift Cards For Christmas



THIS YEAR, TO BETTER EMPOWER PARENTS AND TO ADDRESS PRACTICAL CONCERNS RELATED TO THE PANDEMIC, WE WILL BE PROVIDING GIFT CARDS ONLY FOR FAMILIES IN NEED.

We are requesting \$10.00 or \$25.00 gift cards to
Amazon, Kohl's, Walmart or Target

Please be as generous as your means allow but please keep the cards in the requested amounts of \$10.00 or \$25.00.

GIFT CARDS NEED TO BE RETURNED BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020. YOU MAY GIVE THEM TO A CANA CARE CREW MEMBER (RED SHIRTS) WHEN YOU ENTER THE CHURCH AT MASS OR BRING THEM TO THE RECTORY DURING OFFICE HOURS. DO NOT LEAVE THEM IN THE BASKETS BY THE EXIT DOORS OF THE CHURCH.

Sponsor a Family

Name _____
Phone # _____
Email _____@_____

We can sponsor a family of 3 4 5 6 or more
Please check which you can help with...our preference is both.
____GIFT CARDS to be turned in by 12/6/20
____MEAL to be dropped off the weekend of 12/19
You can complete this form and or email your information to
christmas@sjecm.org

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

You are the potter, we are the clay...

MOLDABLE

Dear Parish Family:

It is a late Monday evening and I am finishing an appointment. It's been quite a day and a quite a few weeks. As I was returning to my parish office today, I walked through the parking through the school, through the school parking lot to the convent and through the field to the Rectory. Exhausted from the day – not the walk – I smiled. Let me tell you why.

I left Ernie's Place after storing more turkeys and listening to the stories of the Ernie's Place staff. The pantry is still full. That's not too common in pantries around Thanksgiving. New volunteers stepped up and helped sort the overwhelming amount of donations. Serving over 25 families in one night this Monday, volunteers spoke of the chance to meet some incredible customers who came seeking support and also offering it with their words of gratitude and humility ("No, I don't need that much. Please save it for someone else.").

I walked through the school. There the saints of the Community Meal served a Thanksgiving Feast with the food prepared by so many of you for those whose Thanksgiving may be spent in a room or on the street or in a place alone. Here, too, a few more Thanksgiving Baskets were given out to those in need. Because of your support and generosity, SJE served nearly 130 families for Thanksgiving. So many of you prepared beautiful baskets – I had a little envy, I must admit! – for families in our community. Volunteers prepared, sorted, distributed, and provided for so many people in need this past weekend. Now the delivery crew begins to make the home visits tomorrow morning. More people being molded and formed.

As I moved to the parking lot so many cars were present. More moldable people as one of our many 12 step groups know that "through working our program of recovery, we are given the grace to meet those challenges". The Meeting Room of the Red Barn was alive too! This time with the men and women from our Spanish community who are coming to know about the Catholic faith in preparation for Baptism and full initiation into the Church. Fr. Jaime is doing an incredible job building our RCIA process in Spanish and English. More people open to where the Spirit leads, open to formed and molded in the life of the Church.



As I continued to walk, I noticed the chickens were sleeping. I laughed. Who would have thought a parish would provide fresh eggs to the poor and needy and that I would become a chicken whisperer guiding the escaped chicken or two back into the pen. I think they actually listen to me. Even they're a bit moldable and flexible. (Seminarist Louis was good enough to take a picture.)

The lights in Seton Chapel were still on so I went in thinking I had forgotten to turn them off only to hear the voices of a few gathering to pray for priests during a special Holy Hour each Monday. The convent still held the smell of incense from Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament where nearly 40 people came to pray between the hours 3 and 7 p.m. on this Monday. So many coming to pray to be with the Lord but also, I hope, to be open to where God might be calling and moving us.

As I returned to my parish office, I met with a young person beginning another part of his life journey. Returning from his senior year with a world of opportunity ahead of him. I had the chance to help with something related to school but was more and more in awe of how this stubborn, frustrating freshman in high school had become a man of deeper substance and depth (most of the time—some stubborn remnants remain). He never thought he would have the opportunities that lie before him. More signs of being open, flexible, moldable to the work of the potter.

Advent is upon us. It is a time to look, watch, stay alert and prepare for how each one of our lives can be different because of Jesus. We can decide to leave ourselves as we are or we can pray for the openness so needed to fully embrace the mystery of Christmas. The potter is well at work here as shown by so many of you in these days and times. What more needs to be loosened and made flexible? What signs do you need to see that Jesus wants to be so intimate with you and me?

Please say a prayer for me!

A handwritten signature in purple ink, which appears to read "Father John".



ADVENT AND THE NEW LITURGICAL YEAR

*Our new liturgical year begins this weekend with the celebration of the First Sunday of Advent.
Here are some things for your consideration!*

- As we have done in the past, each week we will offer a different blessing of Church for you (and/or your family) to pray. Please make use of these blessings.
- During the Sunday Masses of Advent, we will use the Entrance Antiphon from the Roman Missal. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal encourages the use of the antiphon each week. Its purpose - and that of the Entrance Hymn—is to “open the celebration, foster the unity of those gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical time or festivity and accompany the procession of the Priest and ministers” (47). We hope to continue this practice in other seasons as well.
- We will use a new music setting for Advent. It will be familiar to you as it is based on the very popular Advent Hymn O Come, O Come Emmanuel. Pay attention to the ways our music changes in this liturgical season. You’ll hear some different sounds, some quieter ones, as we prepare for the joyous season of Christmas!
- During the season of Advent (and the season of Lent), the Gloria is not said or sung. It creates a sense of anticipation. Store up your fervor for the Vigil of Christmas, or Christmas Day.
- Look for some opportunities to grow deeper in the dark and quiet times of Advent. Take some quiet time in the Church or Seton Chapel, pray for those we will serve in these holidays, come early to Mass or praying quietly in Our Lady’s Chapel after Mass or join a ministry or prayer group and so much more. Do not do these things to “do” things. Rather, enter them hoping to create a deeper space for Christ to dwell.
- **Advent Reconciliation.** We do plan to have an Advent Day of Reconciliation on Monday, December 21, 2020. We need to wait as we get closer to determine if and how we will be able to do this. Confessions times are listed in the bulletin. Of course you can always contact the Parish Office to make an appointment with one of our priests. Please do your best to receive the Sacrament in the Church during one of our regular times or the extended times noted above.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Psalm 80)

Antiphon



“Advent is the time of promise; it is not yet the time of fulfillment. We are still in the midst of everything and in the logical inexorability and relentlessness of destiny.... Space is still filled with the noise of destruction and annihilation, the shouts of self-assurance and arrogance, the weeping of despair and helplessness. But round about the horizon the eternal realities stand silent in their age-old longing. There shines on them already the first mild light of the radiant fulfillment to come. From afar sound the first notes as of pipes and voices, not yet discernable as a song or melody. It is all far off still, and only just announced and foretold.

But it is happening, today.”

-Alfred Delp, S.J., a German Jesuit priest who was imprisoned and martyred by the Nazis in a Nazi death camp in 1945.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Advent Giving Tree



This year, Parish Social Ministry will continue our annual "Advent Giving Tree" that will benefit our Street Ministry and Ernie's Place -SJE's food pantry ministry- Your donations at Christmas help us to manage the upcoming winter months.

We will have two trees this year, one at each exit in the Church. The Christmas trees will have paper ornaments with an item needed. Please take a tag or two or three or four and return these items in the fellowship area the next time you come to mass or drop them off in the rectory office.

Please return the donated items UNWRAPPED. We will be running the Advent Giving Tree until the 4th Sunday of Advent. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Parish Social Ministry office at 631-878-0009 ext. 119.



Christmas Dinners

This year, we would like to provide a meal for families in need so they may have a Christmas or Christmas Eve dinner. We ask you and your family to consider sponsoring a family (page 5) or dropping in your regular food donations the makings for a delicious Christmas Meal. Our Christmas volunteers will then organize the baskets.



Sponsor-A-Family

As we started this Thanksgiving, we are asking families to SPONSOR A FAMILY for Christmas. (SEE FORM ON PAGE 5) If you are able, we ask you consider sponsoring a family by providing the gift cards they need for Christmas and/or the Christmas Meal. If you can assist with this, please email christmas@sjecm.org or call the Rectory Office at 631.878.0009 for more information.

We anticipate supporting nearly 100 families this Christmas.

ADVENT 2020

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.

Then the Scripture, **Isaiah 9:** (lines 1-2 and 5-6)
or **Isaiah 63** (lines 16-17 & 19) or **Isaiah 64** (lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.



With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
bid ev'ry sad
division cease
and be thyself our Prince of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

—From *Catholic Household Blessings*-"<http://store.usccb.org/catholic-household-blessings-and-prayers-p/5-645.htm>"

Then, a member of the family lights the first Advent candle. Another member of the family says following prayer:

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever. ~AMEN.



Do you want to learn more about the incredible season of Advent? Come join us for our new Advent series as we prepare for Jesus's arrival through prayerful reflections on the weekly Scriptural readings from Sunday Mass.

When?

**Every Tuesday of Advent @ 7:30PM
December 1 + 8 + 15 + 22**

Where?

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84239581644?pwd=bm0vTHVoSi8rQmFnZUNpSTRXZkRrQT09>

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Or Join Zoom by Phone: 1-929-205-6099

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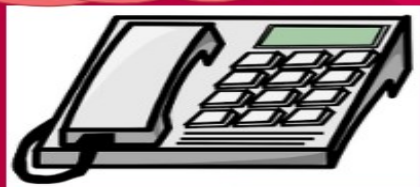
We will reflect each week on the liturgical readings and themes for each Sunday of Advent. Each session begin with a prayer and overview of the readings from Fr. John and Seminarian Louis, as well as some weekly highlights of the Advent season, followed by reflections from those who wish to share their thoughts on the readings.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

Knights of Columbus Wreath Sale

**December 5th and 6th,
Following all Masses**

**Wreaths are \$25 each.
All proceeds go directly to SJE**



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

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Don't say there's nothing for me to do!

Here are ways you can get involved in our parish social ministry work at SJE!

Email rectory@sjecm.org or call 631.878.0009 and you will be directed to best contacts!

1) Street Ministry: Can you and your family help prepare small individual meals for the homeless we serve? You pick up your tins early in the week and return them on Thursday. Totally contactless and independent! Can you help to sort our amazing amounts of donations? We gather at the Red Barn on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

2) Community Meal: can you assist with our next Community Meal this Monday? We are in need of ½ trays (disposable) of the parts of a great Thanksgiving Meal! Drop off at the gymnasium at 5:30 pm with hot food hot please- we put it right on the sternos for service! Desserts are welcome too!

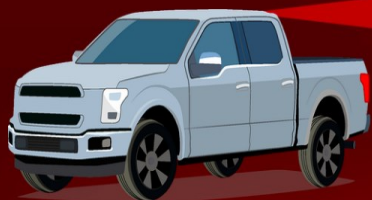
3) Ernie's Place: Food Pantry: can you become of the Ernie's Place staff by working in the pantry on Monday evenings or Thursday afternoons (not every week).

4) Thrift Shop: can you help us to "empty the bins" on Saturday or Sunday afternoons or early on Monday mornings? (Great family activity and can work on your schedule!)

DRIVING AND DELIVERIES

SJE DRIVERS

We are finding in these days we can use some help with the picking up donations and/or making deliveries to families in need. If you are able to help with this, please email rectory@sjecm.org or call 631.878.0009. When we are in need, we would contact all drivers and if you are able to help, great! If you can't, no problem. We'll ask you next time!



ERNIE'S PLACE EXPRESS DROP-OFF

Many have asked if they can have their food donations shipped to St. John's for Ernie's Place, SJE's Food Pantry Ministry. The answer is YES! Please have them sent to the Rectory at 25 Ocean Avenue, Center Moriches, NY 11934 and we will get them to Ernie's Place.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

Communion to the Homebound: Kevin Both

Respect Life Group: Maria Sikora

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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.

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

Help out those in need!



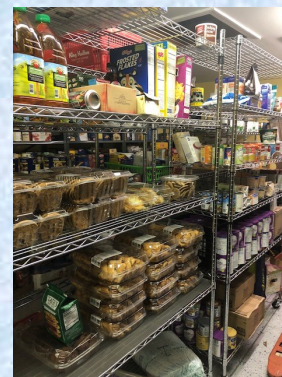
Street Ministry — serving the homeless in our area each week.

Donations Needed: Adult Tee shirts + Adult Sweat Shirts + Adult Coats + Blankets
you can put them in a bag—just remember to label it street ministry— and drop off in the green bins. Thank you!

Ernie's Place Food Pantry — serving those in need on Mon. and Thurs.

Ernie's Place, SJE's Food Pantry Ministry, is beginning to manage with regular volunteers. We are looking for men and women age 18 and above to assist on Monday evenings and/or Thursday afternoons. While limited in the number of volunteers we can have in the pantry at one time, we would like have more available volunteers. If you're interested or would like some more information, please call the Parish Office or email to rectory@sjecm.org.

Donations Needed: Canned Red Kidney Beans + Pancake Mix + Canned Corn + Canned Veggies (not green beans) + Mac and Cheese + Jelly



Chicken Ministry — taking care of God's creatures to provide for the poor!

Chicken Tenders Wanted— We are looking for volunteers to help care for the chickens and their coop. Morning shift is before 8:00 am and evening shift is at dusk. Please contact Lynn and Mike Walsh for details. Lynnwalshlcs@yaho.com **Note: We are not taking any more egg crates.**



Thrift Shop — provide garments, gems and great items for the local community
Donations may only be left **in the green bins**. Anything left outside is discarded
Donations for all parish social ministries may be left in the Fellowship Area of the Church or the Rectory.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



First Sunday of Advent

Weekly Scripture Reflection

As we begin Advent we are called to “Be watchful! Be alert” as we stand in joyful

anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Christmas.

To arrange for a large furniture pick up, click here: <https://www.svdpli.org/get-involved/donate/schedule-pickup/schedule-a-pick-up-suffolk-county/>. **SJE DOES NOT ACCEPT FURNITURE ON CAMPUS.**

SJE is proud to have a St. Vincent de Paul Conference. We are always looking for new members. For more information, call 631.878.0009 or e-mail to rectory@sjecm.org and your information will be shared with the leaders of the conference.

Parish Social Ministry Memorial Cards NOW AVAILABLE

This is one way to honor one who has passed away. These cards allow you to express your sympathy while also benefitting the less fortunate in our local community. Each month we will celebrate Mass for all those remembered via the Memorial Cards. The names of those remembered will be periodically included in the bulletin. The memorial offering made will benefit Parish Outreach, our Homeless Initiative, Food Pantry and Thrift Shop and the many works of Parish Social Ministry at SJE.

To obtain a parish social ministry memorial card, visit the Rectory Office during regular hours or Parish Outreach from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For more information, contact the Parish Social Ministry Office.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS — Second Sunday of Advent

Reading I: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

In the desert make ready the way of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

The Lord shows great patience

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

John the Baptist proclaims the coming of the Messiah.

Discussion Questions

1. “Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!” Is there a veil that keeps you from seeing God’s presence at work in your life and in your world? Can you use Advent to lift that veil, to get more in touch with God in and around you?
2. St. Paul also says “that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge. ...” In what areas could all of us use God’s gift to us of knowledge and discourse right now?
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 today and in your life?

November 29, 2020

REASON FOR GRATITUDE

Thank you to the many, many, many hearts and hands that helped to bring Thanksgiving to over 115 families in need. Parishioners sponsored families, while others dropped off necessary food, while others shared financial resources, while others sorted and boxed and still even more delivered! What a sign of joy and hope! Let's pray in thanksgiving for al who have helped us this Thanksgiving and for each person for whom Thanksgiving will be a little harder this year! Now, check out pages 2, 5, 7, and 8 become part of one of many ways we can be clay in God's hands or e-mail rectory@sjecm.org or Christmas@sjecm.org for more information!





OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Catholic School in Center Moriches

631.878.1033 + www.olqany.org

Each week, our parish's Seminarian Louis Cona visits the young people in second grade to help prepare them for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. He instructs them about a variety of topics and they ask him a lot of good questions! Here they show off their work on the saints as we remember all those who God has given us as examples of holiness. What a gift Seminarian Louis brings to our parish and our school.



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Calling All Men! Saint John the Evangelist's Totus Tuus Men's Group Annual Men's Day Retreat is Here!



Come grow in your faith with us during SJE's annual men's day retreat, from 11am to 5:30pm on **December 5th** with our keynote speaker & homilist Father Michael Plona!

We will have a day of inspiring talks, panel discussions, Eucharistic Adoration and Confession.

WHAT: Men's Day Retreat "Into the Breach!"

WHEN: December 5th 11am to 5:30pm

WHO: Catholic Men (YOU!)

Lunch will be provided. A free will offering of \$15 is respectfully requested. To sign up or for more information, please contact Brian Leavy, 585-474-9625 or brianleavy84@gmail.com.



Our Lady of Miraculous Medal

Devotion to the Miraculous Medal is popular among many Catholics. From the apparition of Mary to St. Catherine Laboure in 1830, the devotion reminds us of the power of prayer, particularly when we seek recourse to her.



Please note the following:

Miraculous Medals are available on the window sill of the Miraculous Medal window, on the southeast side of the Church. They have been blessed and you may take them as you wish. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY ADDITIONAL MEDALS ANYWHERE IN THE CHURCH. We would be unable to know where they came from and they would then need to be discarded.

The Novena to the Miraculous Medal has resumed after the 7 a.m. and 12 Noon Masses each Monday. We are in the process of purchasing booklets that you may keep so as to prevent the passing of germs by sharing booklets. If you can assist us in restoring this tradition, please contact me at 631.878.0009 or email to jsureau@sjecm.org.

KEEPING SAFE IN THESE DAYS!

LITURGICAL PRACTICES, GOOD HEALTH AND COMMON SENSE!

Since 2017, we have published updates regarding good health, particularly in the winter months. 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. As we are approaching the winter season in a time of pandemic, there are some good things to consider in our celebration of the Eucharist and some things we have been encouraging for many years!

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.

- **Not feeling great, STAY HOME!** Please do not take any chances for your sake or anyone else's! Join us via social media or watch Mass on the Catholic Faith Network. The risks are too great for you and for others in these days. There is no obligation to attend Mass in this time; 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.)
- **Entering the Church:** You must enter through the main fellowship doors with your mask on. NO MASK = NO ENTRANCE into the Church. Sanitize your hands, take a worship aid and enter the church. For Masses in the Auditorium, you may enter through the north or south entrances. Specific doors are marked for entrance and exit.
- **Seating:** Please sit as close to the front as possible. It works best for groups of one and two can sit closer to the front and/or fill the seats along the perimeter of the church. This allows us to make the maximum, safe use of our available seating. Please keep a safe distance from those on either side of you and/or your family.
- **Holy Communion:** Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion wash and sanitize their hands before Mass begins and immediately before distribution of Holy Communion. When Extraordinary Ministers go to their station, they place the vessel on the small table near that station and sanitize their hands before distributing Holy Communion.
- **Reception of Holy Communion:** Remember to bow as the person before you receives Holy Communion (this is not new). While you do this, please take down your mask. Please hold your hands out as flat as possible to receive Holy Communion. After placing the host in your mouth, put your mask back up and return to your seat.
- **Greeting of Peace:** The greeting of peace by shaking hands is suspended at this time.
- **Help!** We are always 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 see one of the volunteers in the orange shirts. We provide the gloves, t-shirt, towels and cleaning solution. You provide the arm strength and the positive spirit!

Sunday Night Mass **Come to The Six!**

As you may have noticed, our Sunday morning Masses are beginning to fill up. This is good news! I want to ask those who may be accustomed to coming on Sunday morning to consider coming on Sunday evening at 6 p.m. In general - regardless of the public health situation we find ourselves in now - it is a little less crowded. It is also, at least for me, a great way to draw the weekend to a close. Coming to pray the Mass with the community of faith is a great way to conclude the Lord's Day and often allows me to be more focused rather than so easily distracted by all the day ahead may bring. Hope to see you there!



SAFE ENVIRONMENT UPDATES

Background Screening Update

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People:

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) promulgated by the Bishops of the United States in 2002 outlines specific practices and guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. As directed in The Charter, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all employees, clergy, and volunteers to complete three requirements within thirty days of employment or volunteering:

Attend **Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)**

Sign the Codes of Conduct;

Complete a background screen application. The Diocese requires all those who remain in active ministry be rescreened at 5 yr. intervals. volunteers/employees.

A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OFPCYP) has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the three safe environment requirements in one step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

Register to attend a Protecting God's Children class and create a Virtus account on the Virtus website: www.Virtus.org

Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct- provided during the Virtus registration process.

Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application background offered during the Virtus registration process.

Active Volunteers:

If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus and have been background screened you may be at – or beyond- the **5yr. rescreening requirement**. If this is the case, you will receive an email from **Sterling Volunteers** asking you to complete the background screening application on-line. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account. ***Please be aware-this is not a scam nor has your e-mail been hacked.*** The OFPCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records and noted it is time for you to be re-screened. You may also be prompted to electronically resign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

Edit Your Virtus Account:

To access your Virtus account: www.Virtus.org You will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or helpdesk@virtus.org. Once in your account, review your account information-particularly your e-mail address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side of your screen in the green column click "Update My Account" You will be able to make the necessary changes-please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

Questions or concerns: mmcmahon@drvc.org;
amendoza-cantos@drvc.org;
jwinter@drvc.org;
pditomasso@drvc.org

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.



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PRAYING FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER

We Remember...

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

**-Entrance Antiphon, Funeral Mass
Lawrence Zambito, Elizabeth Marie Harkin**

We Pray...

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

**Mary Ipalucci, Dolores Santiago, Joseph Maldonado,
Glenn Probeyan, Kelly-Jo McCarthy, John Carbone,
Joi Nobisso, Waleria Olivera de Souza, Meg Mihalik,
Sr Jane Mullen, Theresa Cartolano**

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 Satornino, PVT Mi-
chael Garcia Jr., SPC Daniel Sisco

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.

US Coast Guard

SR Brendan J. Bernath, Capt. Keith Donohue

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: In memory of William P. LaVallee Jr.*

*This week, the altar candles have been lit in memory of Kevin
O'Brien Jr. and the Blessed Mother candle has been lit in
memory of Agnes McKeon.*

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office or visit our web site.

**Available Masses in the upcoming
weeks:**

7 a.m. Masses: Dec. 28

Spanish Evening Masses (7:30 p.m.):
Dec. 5, 8, 12, 15, 22, 26, 29

Christmas/New Years Masses:

Christmas Eve— 2:30PM overflow
6:30PM, 9:30PM

Solemnity of Mary Vigil: 12/31 5PM

PREPARING FOR THE WEEK

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, November 30, 2020 + Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle

7:00 a.m. Joseph Gyomory

12 Noon Vincent Steffen

Tuesday, December 1, 2020 + Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. June & Charles Tufano

12 Noon Eric Bennett

7:30 p.m. Rev. Msgr. Patrick J. Armshaw

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 + Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Erin Maria Norton

12 Noon Agnes McKeon

Thursday, December 3, 2020 + Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest

7:00 a.m. Joseph Gyomory

12 Noon Cathy Kurdt

Friday, December 4, 2020 + Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Donna Monaco

12 Noon Ethlyn Libardi

Saturday, December 5, 2020 + Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Vivian Cordeiro

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass of Anticipation

5:00 p.m. Joseph & Helen Morais

7:30 p.m. Intention Still Available

Sunday

8:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. Naomi Gonzalez

12:00 p.m. Ruth Ramus

6:00 p.m. Maria & Sebastiano Zapparrata

**EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Monday - Friday:
3PM - 7PM @ Seton Chapel**

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

RBMR—Red Barn—1st Floor Mtg. Room/RBUR—Upper Room SC—Seton Chapel

Monday, November 30, 2020

6:45 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RB
3—7 p.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	SC
6:30 p.m.	Community Meal	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour for Priest Prayer Group	SC
7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	TBA
7:30 p.m.	RCIA (Spanish Community)	RBLR

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

6:45 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RB
3—7 p.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	SC
5pm, 7pm	Faith Formation Family Meeting	Church
7:00 p.m.	Divine Will Prayer Group	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation	Faculty Rm.

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

6:45 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RB
9:00 a.m.	Thrift Shop Open	Thrift Shop
9:30am, 7 pm	Faith Formation Family Meeting	Church
3—7 p.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	SC
6:00 p.m.	Family Life Ministry Meeting	RBUR

Thursday, December 3, 2020

6:45 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RB
11:00 a.m.	East End Catholic Homeshcoolers	RBMR
3—7 p.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	SC
4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	RBMR
7:00 p.m.	Street Ministry	Convent
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Precana	RBMR

Friday, December 4, 2020

6:45 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RB
3—7 p.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	SC
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	SC

Saturday, December 5, 2020

6:45 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RB
9:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	SC
2:30 p.m.	Men's Day of Prayer	Church

Sunday, December 6, 2020

6:45 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RB
10:00 a.m.	RCIA (English)	Aud/Cafe



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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

Church: 8:00 a.m. + 10:00 a.m. + 12 Noon + 6:00 p.m.

Auditorium: 10:00 a.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.