



# St. John the Evangelist

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(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.)



“I have baptized you with water;  
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Mark 1:8

### Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 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

December 10, 2017

THE CHORAL SOCIETY OF THE MORICHES  
WITH ORCHESTRA & SOLOISTS  
PRESENTS

G. F. HANDEL'S  
**MESSIAH**

DIRECTED BY  
KAMILLA OZMAN

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2017 @ 7:30PM  
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST R.C. CHURCH  
25 OCEAN AVENUE  
CENTER MORICHES, NY 11934

ADVANCE SALE: \$15 PER PERSON  
DOOR SALE: \$20 PER PERSON  
UNDER 10 YEARS OLD — FREE ADMISSION



**OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
**The Catholic School in Center Moriches**

Mr. David Erlanger + [derlanger@olqany.org](mailto:derlanger@olqany.org)  
*School Principal*

Students, faculty, staff, and administration are getting into the holiday spirit at OLQA, the Catholic School in Center Moriches. Beyond the beautiful decorations, the OLQA community is ready to help the community. During Thanksgiving students conducted two food drives to support the SJE food pantry.

Now, our students are in the middle of our annual toy drive. We are called to help those in need, especially this time of year, and OLQA is happy to give back to the community.



*To learn more about OLQA, visit us online at [www.olqany.org](http://www.olqany.org) or call 631.878.1033. We have openings on some grade levels and some financial assistance is available.*



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

# Rectors, Reconciliation Rapping (with a W) and Refugees STRAIGHTENING PATHS

Dear Parish Family:

Last week, I wrote about the need for silence and doing all I can to seek that out. I wish I could tell you that I have been very successful at this...but I'm not giving up! As I write this on Wednesday, about an hour before the deadline, I am mindful of the journey of today and how these moments are pushing me along on the Advent journey.

**Rector.** Msgr. Peter Vaccari, Rector of St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie, visited our parish on Wednesday afternoon. He came to visit our seminarian, Paul Clores, to talk about his journey here at St. John's. Father Peter was the rector of the Seminary when I was a seminarian as well as Fr. Michael. He is one of the holiest and dedicated priests you will ever meet. Fr. Peter met with some members of the pastoral staff and team as well. He left for a long path home, but one that I think was filled a little more joy after having been here for some time. (Don't worry! Paul got a good report from the entire staff!)

**Reconciliation.** This afternoon/evening, we celebrated Reconciliation with OLQA's second graders. It was their first time to approach the sacrament, one that allows us to straighten out some of the crooked paths in our lives and to know God's comfort. Paul Clores has worked with them over the past few months and has done a wonderful job in helping them to understand this beautiful opportunity. We had the privilege of celebrating at SS. Peter and Paul Church in Manorville, one of the other sponsoring parishes of OLQA, the Catholic School in Center Moriches. Please take some time to learn more about OLQA and all that it has to offer you and your family.

Also, take some time now to plan to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during these Advent days. Confessions are heard every day after Daily Mass, Saturdays at 4 and 7 and Sundays at 4:30 p.m. We also have confessions from 3 to 9 p.m. on Monday, December 18 in Seton Chapel. The readings this week should serve as a positive motivation to identify the wilderness of our own lives. Plan now!

**Refugees.** Tonight, I met with a young person who came to the United States from a country in Central America. He came here because his life and the lives of his family were at grave risk. If he remained, he and his family would be dead. He is here now and faces the incredible pressure and stress of an uncertain future here in this country. The Church, most especially, through the voice of Pope Francis, has called us to welcome the immigrant and seek to find a place for refugees and exiles. This is not a media matter that we debate or a political issue in which we take a side. That's no side for us. It's a matter of life. This week, take some time to visit the United States' Catholic Bishops' website about immigration—[justiceforimmigrants.org](http://justiceforimmigrants.org). Learn more about the Church's teaching and how we can and must live it out. Pray for this young person too!



**(W)rapping.** As I finish this letter, I'm about to head over to the second floor of the convent building (the white house). I'm afraid there is very little room to walk. Why? Because of you! Your generosity to the Advent Giving Tree and Outreach Toy Drive has been overwhelming. Tonight, parents and young people from our Youth Service Corps will start the work of sorting and wrapping a few items for one particular group. Your generosity is bringing the comfort of the Lord to those who so need it in these days. Thank you!

We're working hard to make some paths straight here at SJE and beyond. Let's pray the quiet of Advent can move us further along so we may "be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace" (2 Peter 3:14).

*Featherman*

## ADVENT 2017

### Blessing of the Advent Wreath

#### Lighting Your Advent Wreath During the Week

*Each day during the second week of Advent, at the evening meal (or any time) two purple candles are lighted. The following prayers accompany the lighting of the candles.*

All make the sign of the cross: **In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Someone at table reads the Scripture assigned to the liturgy of the day (one or both of the readings may be used). Go to [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) to find the readings of the day. Then the Leader continues:

Leader: **Lift up your hearts.**

All respond: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

The Leader prays:

**God, the Father of mercies, you willed your Son to take flesh, in order to give life back to us. Bless these your gifts with which we are about to nourish our bodies, so that, receiving new strength, we may wait in watchfulness for the glorious coming of Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

After the meal, the Leader says:

**Let us live soberly, justly, and devoutly in this world as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. All respond: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*"The season of Advent restores ... a hope which does not disappoint for it is founded on God's Word. A hope which does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! ... Let us think about and feel this beauty."*

-Pope Francis

### NEW LITURGICAL YEAR

*Our new liturgical year began last Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent. Let's review the following:*

- 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.
- We 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- We will use a new music setting for Advent and Christmas. The *Mass of a Joyful Heart* is a little more spirited setting that has been used at our 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses in the past. We're going to bring this to all of our liturgies in the next few seasons. We will return to the Chant settings at the beginning of Lent (February 2018).

- During the season of Advent, 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.

- During the Christmas season, we will use a new Gloria that gives praise to God with a little spirit of season!



## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

*Save the Date!*

### **Blessing of the Nativity**

### **Next Sunday, December 17, 2017**

### **After the 9 a.m. Mass**

Come as we bless our Christmas Nativity in front of the Church building—a reminder of the Incarnation in the midst of our restoration. After Mass, we'll bless the Nativity and enjoy some hot cocoa and cookies...and there may be some special live guests too!



### **EAST END HOLY HOUR**

Last Friday, St. John's hosted the first East End Holy Hour. Fr. Michael organized and presided at the night. Thanks to all helped to make this a wonderful experience for our parish and those in the local community.



December 10, 2017

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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# We're here to help

Our parish, overall, and our parish social ministry, specifically, are here to serve you in any way we can.

**If you are in need, please reach out to us at St. John's.**

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

### 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.

## 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 (Men's, Women's, Children's)**
- **Blankets**
- **Sweatshirts (Men's, Women's, Children's)**
- **Socks (New)**
- **Underwear (New)**
- **Hats and gloves**
- **Boots and sneakers**
- **Toothpaste**
- **Deodorant**
- **Peanut Butter/Jelly**
- **Water**
- **BACKPACKS**



The Street Ministry is in need of chefs! As the temperature has dropped, we have been running out of hot meals to give out. If you are interested in cooking a tray of food for us to bring out on Thursday nights, please contact Corinne Bernath at [bernath52194@optonline.net](mailto:bernath52194@optonline.net) or Alex Finta at [afinta@sjecm.org](mailto:afinta@sjecm.org) or 631-878-0009 ext. 127.

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

## PARISH OUTREACH CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Please don't forget our TOY DRIVE! Our distribution date is Saturday, December 16th. We would appreciate all donated gifts to be brought in NO LATER THAN Wednesday, December 13th--and that's pushing it. We must sort and bag all gifts Thursday so that the older school children can form a human chain to transport them to the school. After school is out on Friday we have to set up the cafeteria where we will distribute the gifts this year because the auditorium will be set up for Mass.

### Help Needed—FRIDAY, December 15!!!

We really need as many available people as possible to help us in the Convent after the Noon Mass on Friday, December 15th. Lunch will be provided both Friday and Saturday for all who come to help. Many have assisted in the past years but we also need some "new blood." Please consider giving us a helping hand!



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.

## KNIGHTS FOR KIDS

The Knights of Columbus donated 24 jackets, 12 girls and 12 boys to aid those in need in our local community. Thanks to them and to each of you for your incredible generosity.



## 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!*

## 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](mailto:afinta@sjecm.org).



## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



**Leuthardt's Christmas Tree Farm**  
***This December, all aboard the Candy Apple Express!***  
**607 Montauk Highway, East Moriches**  
**631-878-1387**

For a fun and interactive ride, please come and join the Leuthardt Family Farm where the experience is priceless.

*The Candy Apple Express* is a wagon tour of the nursery, it will run from the weekends of December 9th & 10th and 16th & 17th.

Christmas caroling, arts and crafts, hot chocolate, baked goods and a gift shop. Harry Leuthardt Nurseries has chosen to give four charities 10% of every purchase made from LEUTHARDT'S CHRISTMAS TREE FARM. These charities are: DRVC Catholic Charities, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Hope House Ministries and Camp Paquatuck.

## The Catechism Turns 25!!!!

### 10 Surprising Things in the Catechism—Continued

By Brendan Gottschall, SJ on Nov 02, 2017 - taken from *The Jesuit Post*

*The Catechism of the Catholic Church was first promulgated by St. John Paul II 25 years ago, October 11, 1985. In honor of this silver anniversary, TJP would like to point out some surprising things about the Catechism. If you don't own a copy, it can be found on the Vatican website. Over the past few weeks, we have used excerpts from Bishop Barres' letter about the Catechism. This week, we look at the second and final part of the article started in last week's bulletin. I hope it surprises you and makes you smile too!*

6. Feel like Catholicism is just a bunch of rules? Well, actually the Catechism is not a rule book. Less than a third of the book deals directly with the moral life (paragraphs 1749-2557, out of 2865 total paragraphs, by my back-of-the-envelope calculations).

7. Concerned about climate change and pollution? Care for creation is there, even before *Laudato Si'*: "Man's dominion over inanimate and other living beings granted by the Creator is not absolute; it is limited by concern for the quality of life of his neighbor, including generations to come; it requires a religious respect for the integrity of creation." CCC 2415

8. Isn't faith opposed to science? Actually, the Catechism praises science for its contributions to truth: "[M]ethodological research in all branches of knowledge, provided it is carried out in a truly scientific manner and does not override moral laws, can never conflict with the faith, because the things of the world and the things of faith derive from the same God. The humble and persevering investigator of the secrets of nature is being led, as it were, by the hand of God in spite of himself, for it is God, the conservator of all things, who made them what they are." CCC 159

9. God gave you your voice, let Him hear it! The Catechism encourages you to sing at Mass: "Song and music fulfill their function... according to three principal criteria: beauty expressive of prayer, the unanimous participation of the assembly at the designated moments, and the solemn character of the celebration." CCC 1157

10. Lastly, our very own St. Ignatius of Loyola is quoted three times! All from his *Spiritual Exercises*:

1. "Do not swear whether by the Creator, or any creature, except truthfully, of necessity, and with reverence" CCC 2164 [Footnote 1. Annotations from the Catechism are generally referenced by "CCC" then the paragraph #], SE 38

2. "Every good Christian ought to be more ready to give a favorable interpretation to another's statement than to condemn it. But if he cannot do so, let him ask how the other understands it. And if the latter understands it badly, let the former correct him with love. If that does not suffice, let the Christian try in all suitable ways to bring the other to a correct interpretation so that he may be saved" CCC 2478, SE 22

3. In contemplation, one "learns the 'interior knowledge of our Lord,' the more to love him and follow him" CCC 2725, SE 104



# YOUTH MINISTRY

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## 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.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Come down this Wednesday for Christmas social!  
7:00-8:30  
(Meet in the Gym)

Join Edge: Contact Megan, Mike or Zack at [Youth@sjecm.org](mailto:Youth@sjecm.org)

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

## ST. JOHN'S YOUTH MINISTRY

**Who:** FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS. BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

**What:** A FUN SOCIAL NIGHT (Basketball & Volleyball)  
Great people! Great Food! Great Faith!

**Where:** IN THE OLQA GYM (across the street from church)

**When:** YOUTH/FAMILY MASS @ 5:30 P.M. YOUTH MINISTRY MEETS FROM 7:00-8:30 DOORS OPEN @ 6:30 (IT'S FREE)

**Why:** WHY NOT?

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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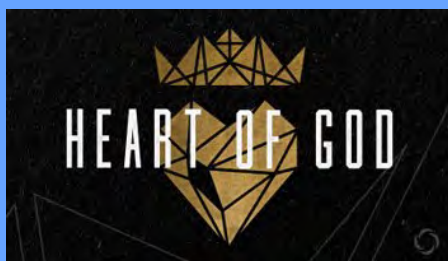
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**December 13th:** Trip to NYC. More info below!

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

If you want more information you can Contact Mike @ [mclauberg@sjecm.org](mailto:mclauberg@sjecm.org).



Join young adults from our parish in heading to New York City for a great night with other young adults from the New

York Area in celebrating Mass with His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan on Wednesday December 13th at 7:30p.m. Rosary and Confessions will be held from 6:30p.m.-7:30p.m. with music for the night provided by Ike Ndolo. A social featuring free appetizers and drink specials will follow at local restaurant TBA!

The group will be leaving from the parish around 2 p.m. Contact Mike Clauberg or Fr. Michael for more information. See you there!

# FAITH FORMATION

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

## 12/16 RECONCILIATION SERVICE—LEVEL 3

The Reconciliation Service for our Level 3 students will be held on Saturday, December 16 @ 11:30AM in the Auditorium. We look forward to praying with you and providing the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent, a season of reflection and anticipation for the coming of Christ. All Level 3 students are asked to attend and are to be accompanied by a parent or guardian at the service. All in attendance will be invited to receive the Sacrament.

## 8TH GRADE CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS: REGISTER NOW!

Students who attend Catholic school and plan on receiving their Confirmation in our parish in the Fall of 2018 must be registered in our Faith Formation program. We confirm in the Fall of 9th grade. If you have not already registered your child, please contact us before December 21, 2017 at 631-878-0009, ext. 170 or via email at [confirmation@sjecm.org](mailto:confirmation@sjecm.org).

### SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING...

This month, our classes are delving deeper into the Season of Advent and parents gathered for presentations by Fr. John on Reconciliation and Social Justice during our Levels 2 & 8 meetings.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

### WEEKEND RECTORY HOURS

Beginning today, Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, the Rectory Office will be open on Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners we are able to be open to assist with Mass cards, take phone calls, and be more available to those in the parish who find the weekday hours difficult.



Beginning today, Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Rectory hours are as follows:  
**Monday – Thursday – 9 to 9 p.m.**  
**Friday – 9 to 4 p.m.**  
**Saturday and Sunday – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

### DECK THE HALLS!

It's that time of year again  
and we're looking for some volunteers  
to help us decorate the Rectory and Convent  
for Christmas!  
If you would like to help,  
we will gather after the Noon Mass  
on December 17th.

Email Paul Clores at [pclores@sjecm.org](mailto:pclores@sjecm.org) to let us know you're coming.  
Please join us!



## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### THE SOUND OF SILENCE

*“Silence makes us whole if we let it. Silence helps draw together the scattered and dissipated energies of a fragmented existence.”*

–Thomas Merton,  
*Love and Living*, 43

As we come to liturgy, we are now called to silence before we begin the Celebration of the Eucharist at each Sunday Mass. Approximately three minutes before each Mass, a brief announcement will be made calling us to this quiet. In addition to not speaking, please refrain from reading the bulletin or preparing your hymnal or even carrying out any other devotional prayer. Use this time of quiet to pray and prepare for Mass.

### Eagles Wings

Eagles Wings, the newsletter of St. John the Evangelist parish, will be starting up again in 2018! We are in need of writers, editors, photographers etc. It is a great ministry and requires only a few hours for each edition.

Please join us at our next meeting, on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7 PM in the upper room of the Red Barn. We will be discussing ideas for articles and assigning writers.

If you would like to participate in Eagles Wings, but cannot make the meeting, please call Liz Dyer at 631 – 786 – 0218.

All input appreciated!

**The Knights of Columbus is looking for new members.**



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

## Comunidad Hispano de San Juan Evangelista,

### MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

**Dirección de la Oficina:** 25 Ocean Ave. Center Moriches, NY 11934

**Teléfono:** 1-631.878.0009

**Horas especiales para asistencia en español:**  
Martes- 7 PM – 9 PM

**Santa Misa:** Sábados - 7:30 PM

**Confesiones:** Sábado - 6:45 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 December Has been donated: In loving memory of Ciolino and Fazio Families*



## Stewardship

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

- Psalm 116:2

**Sunday 12/03/17: \$17,248**

(2016: \$15,967)

Parish Social Ministry: \$2,208

(2016: \$1,666)

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 Catholic Education envelope and/or place your offering in the regular collection.

## Christmas at SJE

*Christmas Eve – December 24, 2017*

4 p.m. – OLQA Auditorium (Fr. Michael)

4 p.m. – CM HS Auditorium (Fr. John)

6 p.m. – OLQA Auditorium (Fr. Felix)

9 p.m. – OLQA Auditorium – Spanish (Fr. Michael)

12 Midnight – OLQA Auditorium (Fr. John)

Christmas Carols beginning at 11:00 p.m.

*Christmas Day – December 25, 2017*

7:30 a.m. – (Fr. Michael)

9:00 a.m. – (Fr. Felix)

10:30 a.m. – (Fr. John)

12 Noon – (Fr. John)

*Weekend of December 30/31*

Regular Mass Schedule

*New Year's Day – January 1, 2018*

7:00 a.m. – (Fr. Felix)

10:30 a.m. – (Fr. Michael)

12 Noon - (Fr. John)

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Third Sunday of Advent

**Reading I:** Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-11

*Isaiah proclaims the goodness of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-2

*Rejoice and pray always.*

**Gospel:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

*The priests and Levites question John's identity.*

## Discussion Questions

1. What is the relationship between the Holy Spirit working in the depths of your spirit and God's peace that is applied to your body, soul and spirit?

2. "There is one among you whom you do not recognize ..." Do you recognize Christ in all the different faces and ways he come to you each day?



## Christmas Spiritual Bouquet Cards

Join in the Mass intentions for the Masses of Christmas by using the Christmas Spiritual Bouquet cards which are now available. These cards are a wonderful and meaningful way for you to remember your loved ones at Christmas and to have them prayed for at Masses during the Christmas season. Return the envelope with your donation in the collection basket or bring it to the rectory, and keep the card to send your Christmas Spiritual Bouquet.



# MUSIC MINISTRY

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## This Week's Music

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

Scheduled Hymns for 12/9 and 12/10

Entrance Hymn: #79, Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Preparation Hymn: #46, Beyond the Moon and Stars

Communion Hymn: #339, One Bread, One Body

Closing Hymn: #43, People Look East

**Adult Choir:** Practice Tuesdays @ 7PM

**Children's Choir:** Practice Wednesdays @ 6PM

**Youth Choir:** Practice Sundays @ 4PM

## Christmas Caroling



Children and their parents are invited to join the Family Life Ministry for a 4:30p.m. Mass at Oasis Rehabilitation and Nursing in Center Moriches followed by Christmas Caroling on December 20th. Help bring others into the Christmas Spirit! For more information, please contact Father Michael.

## 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:** Malachi Fisher Sanna, Jacob Ryan Nason

### 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

I. Matthew Pirraglia and Laura Stanwycks

### We Remember...

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

-Entrance Antiphon, Funeral Mass

Marie Mangione

### We Pray...

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

-1 Peter 1:6

Vivian Orofino

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

## MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

**Note:**  
**RBMR**—Red Barn—1st Floor Meeting Room/**RBUR**—Upper Room

### Monday, December 11, 2017

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
4:45 p.m.	FF Classes Level 3-6	Cafeteria
5:00 p.m.	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	Seton Chapel
6:00 p.m.	CYO Practice	Auditorium
6:15 p.m.	FF Classes Level 7-8	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Eagle Wings Meeting	RBUR
7:15 p.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena	Seton Chapel
7:45 p.m.	FF Classes Level 7-8	Cafeteria

### Tuesday, December 12, 2017

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
9:30 a.m.	Scripture Study	RBMR
4:45 p.m.	FF Classes Level 3-6	Cafeteria
6:15 p.m.	FF Classes Level 3-6	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Divine Will Prayer Group	Seton Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Baptismal Class	RBUR
7:00 p.m.	Young Adult Ministry	RBUR
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
7:45 p.m.	FF Classes Level 7-8	Cafeteria

### Wednesday, December 13, 2017

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
9:00 a.m.	Thrift Shop Open	Thrift Shop
6:00 p.m.	Troop 800 Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts	Cafeteria
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Heroin Anonymous	RBMR

### Thursday, December 14, 2017

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	RBMR

### Friday, December 15, 2017

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
6:00 p.m.	Handel's Messiah	RBMR
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	RBMR

### Saturday, December 16, 2017

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
8:30 a.m.	FF Classes Level 1-2 Heritage	Auditorium
8:30 a.m.	FF Classes Level 1-2	Cafeteria
10:00 a.m.	FF Classes Level 1-2	Cafeteria
11:30 a.m.	Reconciliation Prayer Service Level 3	Auditorium

### Sunday, December 17, 2017

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
8:00 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (Men's)	RBMR

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Monday, December 11, 2017

Advent Weekday  
 St. John Damascus 1, Pope

7:00 a.m.	Myrna Koolman
12 Noon	Ernie Vigliotta

### Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 a.m.	Avelino J. Goncalves
12 Noon	Santo and Natala Giampaolo

### Wednesday, December 13, 2017

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

7:00 a.m.	Special Intentions of Maria Martinez
12 Noon	Cecilia Giustina

### Thursday, December 14, 2017

St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m.	Gerald Bennett
12 Noon	Patrick Rooney

### Friday, December 15, 2017

Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Louise McNiff
12 Noon	Louise Pampinella

### Saturday, December 16, 2017

Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m.	Dr. Luman Croshy Williams
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## Third Sunday of Advent

### Mass of Anticipation

5:00 p.m.	Harold Clark
7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available

### Sunday

7:30 a.m.	Vivian Cordeiro
9:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the DeFelippi Family
10:30 a.m.	Dave Pratt
12:00 p.m.	Philip Storch
5:30 p.m.	People of the Parish