



# 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



# Third Sunday of Advent

*Then will the eyes of the blind be opened - Isaiah 35:5*



# St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(in the Blue House)

**Monday – Thursday**

9:30 a.m. – 12 + 1 – 8 p.m.

**Friday and Saturday**

9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

**Come and pray with us!**

### SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. + 7:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 Noon, 5:30p.m.

### WEEKDAY MASSES

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 church. The sacrament is also celebrated in the church on Saturdays from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. and from 7:00 to 7:15 p.m. (Spanish). Confessions are also heard on Sundays from 5:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

**Come to the quiet!**

The church building is open from 6:30 a.m. to approximately 7 p.m., if not later, daily. Seton Chapel, in the white convent building, is open around 8 a.m. and also remains open to approximately 7 p.m.

Take some time to open your heart to the voice of God.

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in Seton Chapel on  
**Mondays from 3:00 p.m. - 9 p.m.** and  
**Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. - 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 pray the Liturgy of the Hours**

We pray the Liturgy of the Hours.

**Mondays** at 3 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. in Seton Chapel.

**Thursdays** at 1 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. in Seton Chapel.

**Saturdays and Sundays** after Evening Mass in Our Lady's Chapel in the Church.

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

**ROSARY:** We pray the Rosary every day after Daily Mass in Our Lady's Chapel in the church building.

**MONDAYS +** We pray the Miraculous Medal Novena after 7 a.m. Mass in the church building and at 7:30 p.m. in Seton Chapel in the Convent.



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Always Looking for Another

# Are you the One?

Dear Parish Family:

A number of years ago God blessed me with a pretty good friend. It has never been a journey of faith, necessarily. Our paths have crossed and re-crossed over the years for a lot of reasons. This friend is Catholic in name (and I don't mean that disrespectfully) and trying real hard to embrace the Catholic faith on a deeper level.

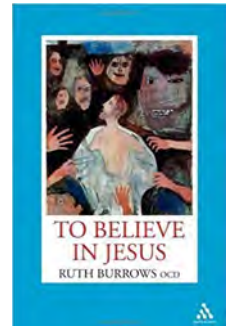
Over the past few encounters our conversations have been become more spiritual, more religious. It is nice to see. However, it challenges me to be more of aware of where I am on this journey of faith and the work I need to do. My friend asked me about my own Catholic faith. "Why are you part of the Catholic Church?" was the question posed. Jesus established it, I responded.

As we continued our conversation, my friend spoke about the struggle he had with accepting Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah, as the Savior. I can often hear that fear of taking a risk, the concern if he is wrong, the worry about making that leap of faith in my friend's words and emotions.



I pray for my friend every day. Considering this friendship, I can hear my friend's voice a little in the person of John the Baptist at the beginning of this Sunday's Gospel. John sends followers to Jesus with a simple question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" (Matthew 12:3). I feel like my friend is at the place of that question. To be honest, as I look at my own life and how I live it, I guess at times I'm not too far away from that stage either. Maybe the same for you?

I recommended a book to my friend that was shared with me years ago by a spiritual director. Written by Sister Ruth Burrows, OCD, *To Believe in Jesus* sort of set me straight when I first read it years ago. I hope you will keep reading as I share two reflections. First, "As Christians, Jesus must be our addiction. Is he?" (p. vii) This is a good Advent question. Is Jesus your addiction? Is it He who you long for before anyone or anything else? Do we really want Him? Or do we pay lip-service to such claims while our lifestyle, time in prayer, desire to care for the poor and vulnerable fail to match our words?



Second, she writes, "For many, venture to say most, there would be no significant difference in their religious attitude if the incarnation had not taken place...We have formed our own ideas of what God wants us to be like and are earnestly striving for self-perfection.

We are really reversing roles. We are trying to be God in making him better off through what we give him. We want to make him a present of our own perfect selves. This has nothing to do with holiness. Only Jesus is holy, the only one pleasing to his father. Only allowing him to communicate his holiness to us can we be pleasing to God (17)."

For you and me, does the Incarnation matter? Does God breaking into world make a difference in how I live my life or how I face the darkness of the world or the struggles of my own brokenness? Am I allowing Jesus to communicate his holiness to me?

It is the Third Week of Advent. We might come to these days—especially after reading these words I shared—that we're not really where we need to be at this point. No one of us is probably where we need to be. It reads like John the Baptist wasn't quiet there yet either in the midst of a difficult and dark time in his own life. So how does Jesus respond? He tells John's followers to look around and see all that Jesus Christ has done in the time. I think that is probably some good advice for each one of us, especially in those moments of darkness or imprisonment or despair or even everyday life when we take Jesus for granted. Let's take a look around. Let's take some time to see—even each day—the ways the "inbreaking of God" is impacting each one of our lives.

My friend and I presently read this book about Jesus together. I think it is helping my friend. I know it is helping me to re-orient the way we live our lives each day. My friend's excitement and enthusiasm and wonder is inspiring me with a little more of the Christmas spirit. I hope these final weeks of Advent can do the same for each of us.

Please say a prayer for me. Please say a prayer for my friend, too.

*Featherman*

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS



### Advent 2019

**Saturday/Sunday, December 21/22, 2019**

4th Sunday of Advent

Confessions—3:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Saturday - 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday - 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 Noon, 5:30 p.m.

### Christmas 2019

**Tuesday/Wednesday, December 24/25, 2019**

#### Christmas Eve

**4 p.m.** – Church

*Christmas Carols beginning at 3:30 p.m.*

**4 p.m.** – OLQA Auditorium

**6 p.m.** – Church

**9 p.m.** – Church (Spanish)

**12 Midnight** – Church

*Christmas Carols beginning at 11:30 p.m.*

#### Christmas Day

**7:30 a.m. + 9:00 a.m.**

**+ 10:30 a.m. + 12 Noon**

(There are no evening Masses scheduled for Christmas night.)

#### **Weekend of December 29/30—Feast of the Holy Family**

Saturday - 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday - 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 Noon and 5:30 p.m.

#### **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – January 1, 2020**

Tuesday - 5 p.m., Wednesday - 7:00 a.m., 12 Noon and 7:30 p.m.



## CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS!

The season of Advent is a wonderful way to prepare our hearts for the Lord! The sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated at SJE on the following days and times:

**Monday—Friday** after the 7 a.m. and 12 noon Masses (Please wait in one of the seats by the Confessionals)

**Saturdays**—After the 8 a.m. Mass, 4—4:45 p.m. and 7—7:15 p.m. (Spanish)

**Sundays**—5 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

This year, because of the day Christmas falls, we will not have one extended period of Reconciliation on the Monday before Christmas. Rather, we will offer extended times on the following dates:

**Saturday, December 21**—Confessions begin at 3 p.m.

**Sunday, December 22**—Confessions begin at 4 p.m.

**Monday, December 23**—Confession end at 2 p.m.

(or later, if necessary) after the 12 Noon Mass.





# Advent Giving Tree

In addition to our Christmas Toy Drive, Parish Social Ministry is also running an "Advent Giving Tree" that will benefit our Street Ministry in addition to a number of other local organizations that help the less fortunate. One of which is Penates, who runs a large women's shelter in our area.

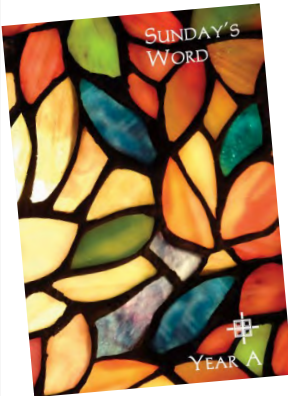
In the main entrance of the church, there will be a Christmas tree that will have paper ornaments with an item needed. Please take one, or as many as you'd like, and then return the item by placing it in the box next to the Christmas tree the next time you come to mass. If you need to drop it off at a different time, please drop it off in the Parish Office (Blue House) during normal hours.

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 Alex Finta at [afinta@sjecm.org](mailto:afinta@sjecm.org) or 631-878-0009 ext. 119.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

## ADVENT AND THE NEW LITURGICAL YEAR

Our new liturgical year has begun. Let's review the following:



- 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
- We have available editions of *Sunday's Word 2020*. You can pick them up and take them with you. **A free will offering of \$5.00 is requested but not required.** You can place your offering in one of the Poor Boxes. These books contain all of the Sunday readings as well as the psalm and antiphons for Daily Mass. They can be picked up in the Vestry or in the Parish Office. . (If we are out of them as you read this, more are on the way.) Ideally, please read the Scriptures before coming to Mass and open your ears and hearts while at Mass to hear God's Word.
- 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. It's 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 and Christmas—Mass of Our Lady. It will be familiar to you. Pay attention 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, attend Handel's Messiah, pray for those we will serve in these holidays, come early to Mass or pray 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.

-The Knights of Columbus  
Present-

## BINGO NIGHT Every Friday



**Doors open at 6:30 p.m.  
(First game 7:30 p.m.)**

**\$2000 IN PRIZES!**





## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

NEED  
VOLUNTEER  
HOURS?



Be a part of our first Family Life Ministry  
Christmas Pageant December 19th at  
6:30pm @ Church

*Parts for all ages*

Contact Linda Filosa  
at [Lindalos3@optonline.net](mailto:Lindalos3@optonline.net)  
or 631-559-7227

### *Family Life Ministry*

Family Life Ministry hosted another Sandwich Sunday. We have them on the second Sunday of every month



## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

# EAST END HOLY HOUR

7PM ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF THE  
MONTH IN THE CONVENT AT ST. JOHN'S.

ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS  
FOLLOWED BY A 21+ SOCIAL WITH  
DRINKS ON THE DECK AND FIRE PIT.

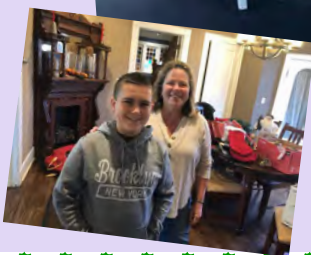
## Christmas Decoration Set Up

Monday,  
December 23, 2019  
@ 5PM



## Christmas Decoration Clean Up

Sunday, January 13, 2019  
@ 1 p.m.



Thanks to our Christmas Decorating Crew for helping us get ready  
for the celebration of Christmas! Many great hands make light work.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

### Welcome Back Deacon Raf

Last weekend, SJE welcomed back Deacon Raf, who was with us as a seminarian this past summer. Please pray for him and his classmates as they prepare to be ordained priests on June 20, 2020.



*You're  
Invited!*

to become part of the

*"Family of Families"*

*Early Childhood  
Program*

*at the Catholic School in Center Moriches*

ACCEPTING ADMISSIONS FOR:

~NURSERY & PRE-K - JAN 2020

~K-8 FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

2 St. John's Place, Center Moriches  
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## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Alex Finta + [afinta@sjecm.org](mailto:afinta@sjecm.org) + Director of Parish Social Ministry (631-878-0009 ext. 119)

### Ministry of Consolation:

Eve O'Brien—[eveobrien@optonline.net](mailto:eveobrien@optonline.net) + Helen Williams—[hannah51@optonline.net](mailto:hannah51@optonline.net) + Jeri Eten—[jeten@optonline.net](mailto:jeten@optonline.net)

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Respect Life Group: Maria Sikora—[msikora@sjecm.org](mailto:msikora@sjecm.org)

Society of St. Vincent de Paul – x. 173 – [svdp@sjecm.org](mailto:svdp@sjecm.org)

# We're here to help

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

### **Our office hours in the Red Barn are:**

Monday-Thursday: 10:00AM-12:00PM, 1:00PM-3:00PM.

**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.

**12 Step Meetings**

**Alcoholics Anonymous-** Offered daily @ 6:30 AM & Tuesdays, 7:30 PM–  
Red Barn Meeting Room

**ALANON–** Thursdays, @ 7PM– Red Barn Meeting Room

**AA Men's–** Sundays @ 8AM– Red Barn Meeting Room



## SJE STREET MINISTRY

The Street Ministry is continuously serving 60-90 individuals and families every Thursday night, many of whom are homeless. We are tremendously grateful for all of the donations that continue to allow us to do this work. We are in need of the following:

**Winter Coats + Travel Shampoo + Shaving Cream + Women's Socks  
Men's Socks + Women's Deodorant + Quart & Gallon Ziplock Bags**

*Financial donations are most welcome as they allow us to purchase items as they are needed. Checks may be made payable to St. John the Evangelist and donations can be left in the Parish Office. We would also be most grateful for gift cards to places such as the Dollar Store or Walmart so we can obtain these items.*

Donations may be dropped off to the Parish Office (Blue House) during normal business hours or Parish Social Ministry Office (Red Barn) Monday-Thursday 10:00AM-12:00PM or 1:00PM-3:00PM.

**Chefs/volunteers needed.** Every Thursday night. Set up begins at 5:45 p.m. at the convent. At 6:45 p.m. vans leave SJE and return around 8:45. We are now making two stops so we need more volunteers! If you're interested in cooking a tray of food or going out with the van please contact Alex Finta ([afinta@sjecm.org](mailto:afinta@sjecm.org) or 631-878-0009 ext. 119.)





## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

### Food Drive– Free Oil Change

*“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.” St Mother Theresa.*

We try to approach every day with this thought in mind. How can we strive to lead by example? This is our second year writing to you, our fellow parishioners. This is an exciting time for everyone as we enter the season of advent. As the excitement builds for Christmas, we are thankful for our friends, family and customers that enabled us to donate 80 turkeys to Ernie's Place at St John the Evangelist this year. Now, as we continue into the holiday season, we are taking up our annual food drive. This will be our 9th year collecting food for families in need. From November 30th to the December 21st when you bring in \$20 of non-perishable food you will receive a free engine oil and filter change along with a tire rotation. We ask that you please check all expiration dates, as expired items will not be eligible. As always, we appreciate your continued support. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe Happy New Year.

The Posanti Family & the entire staff of Shirley Auto Body



### 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 weekend of December 14th & 15th.**

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.

*St. John the Evangelist*

### Community Meal

***Join us Monday, December 16, 2019  
in the Red Barn at St. John the Evangelist  
Church in Center Moriches.***

The Meal will consist of a home-made dinner from **6:00PM-8:00PM.** If you are in need of toiletries or clothes, please let a volunteer know!

**If you are interested in  
cooking a meal or  
volunteering, please  
reach out to Alex  
Finta at  
afinta@sjecm.org**



### 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

**Tuna fish, Chicken in a can  
Rice, Instant potatoes  
Small jelly (grape), Small mayonnaise  
Boxed mashed potatoes, Cooking oil  
Toilet Paper, Soup  
Ramen Noodles, Cereal**

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



## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



### **The Thrift Shop will be closed**

Wednesday, December 25th  
and Wednesday, January 1st  
in observance of Christmas and New Years.

It will re-open January 8th, 2020.

## FAITH FORMATION

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext 5 + Website: [sjecm.org](http://sjecm.org) + Facebook: StJohn FaithFormation

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

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

## MEETING OUR PARISH PRIESTS

Our parish priests have begun to visit our grade-level classes and speak with them on various topics, including the Rosary, vocations and much more! Special thanks to Fr. John, Fr. Michael & Fr. Felix for taking time out of their busy schedules to be with our students!



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## CHRISTMAS BREAK: CLASS & OFFICE HOURS SCHEDULE

Please note that classes will not be in session from Monday, December 22 through Saturday, January 4 for Christmas and New Year's break. Classes will resume Monday, January 6.

The Faith Formation Office will be closed from Tuesday, December 24 through Wednesday, January 1. We will reopen Thursday, January 2.



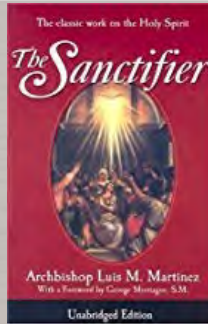
## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### WOMEN'S GROUP- COME HOLY SPIRIT FALL AFRESH ON US!

Our Women's group is continuing to meet every other Mon., at 10:00am to 11:30am, in the convent.

We will be reading *The Sanctifier*, by Archbishop Luis M. Martinez. Come and join us as we learn how The Holy Spirit Leads us to Holiness, Directs us, Inspires us, Teaches how to use the gifts we have been given, what our gifts are, etc. This book is a treasure chest of knowledge that will empower us to live a more fruitful and spiritual life. We will also share how The Holy Spirit is working in our lives.  
**Meetings:** 12-16, 12-30.

Facilitators: Anita Luccari, Carol Ketcham. Call 631-878-0009 to register.



### 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 throughout the church. 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.



### BRINGING UP THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE

*St. John's invites family members of those for whom the Mass is being offered to bring up the gifts of bread and wine at that Mass. (On the weekend, please inform any of the ushers 10 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass).*

## Comunidad Hispano de San Juan Evangelista, Center Moriches

### MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

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

**Teléfono:** 1-631.878.0009

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

**Santa Misa:** Sábados - 7:30 PM, Martes - 7:30PM en el Convent (La Casa Blanca)

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

**Bautismos:** Segundo Domingo a las 2p.m. en la Iglesia. Clases pre-bautismos es el tercer miércoles de cada mes. Locación – en el granero (la casa roja) 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:** Viernes 7:00 pm en el granero (la casa roja).

#### R.I.C.A (Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos):

Padre Michael 1-631.878.0009

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



¿Usted o alguien que usted conoce tiene más de 7 años y necesita los Sacramentos del Bautismo, la Comunión o la Confirmación? Por favor, póngase en contacto con Gregorio Chavez en p-chavez@hotmail.com para el próximo paso a seguir. Gracias.

## MUSIC MINISTRIES @ SJE

Andrew McKeon, Director of Music Ministries—[music@sjecm.org](mailto:music@sjecm.org).  
Stephanie Llengyel— Children's Choir Director—[slengyel@gmail.com](mailto:slengyel@gmail.com)  
Tess Austin—5:30 Mass Band Director—[tessaustin1624@gmail.com](mailto:tessaustin1624@gmail.com)

### Hymns for this week:

Advent Entrance Antiphon

#492 - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

#1029 - I Am the Bread of Life

#501 - People, Look East

## SAVE THE DATE

A Festival of Christmas Lessons and Carols on January 3rd at 7pm in the church featuring the combined **Choirs of SJE Music Ministries!** Open and free to all! Come join us and sing to the Lord celebrating his birth, and keep the Christmas season alive! Fellowship to follow in the Narthex of the Church!



## YOUTH MINISTRY

The following students from our parish have achieved honor roll status for the first quarter at John the Baptist Diocesan High School.

### Summa Cum Laude Honors:

Katelyn Bremer  
Benjamin Dench  
Olivia Dench  
Robert Dewitt

### Magna Cum Laude Honors:

Elisa Dewitt  
Catherine McCann  
Lauren Pellegrino  
Natalie Martudciello

### Cum Laude Honors:

Matthew DePaola  
Gabrielle Jean



*Boys and Girls, Ages 9-14*



## 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 Helen Langone.*



### Stewardship

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

- Psalm 116:2

**Sunday 12/08/19: \$15,263 (2018: \$15,849)**

**Religious Retirement Fund: \$1,945 (2018: \$2,635)**

**Immaculate Conception: \$2,187 (2018: \$4,178)**

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 Improvement envelopes and/or place your offering in the regular collection.

### Seton Chapel

*(located in the Convent building – The White House)*

Seton Chapel is open each day from 7 a.m. to the early evening.

**We gather in Seton Chapel for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Mondays – 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. / Thursdays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**Mass – in Spanish** – Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.

**Liturgy of the Hours**

Mondays – Midday Prayer – 3 p.m. / Night Prayer – 8:45 p.m.

Thursdays – Midday Prayer – 12 Noon / Evening Prayer – 4:45 p.m.



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Reading I:** Isaiah 7:10-14

*Prediction of Immanuel, born of a Virgin.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

**Second Reading:** Romans 1:1-7

*Paul spreads the news of the Son of God.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 1:18-24

*An angel visits Joseph, who takes Mary as his wife.*

### Discussion Questions

1. God gave a sign to Ahaz, who hadn't even asked for one. Does God give signs that aren't requested? Give some examples. Do you think you ever miss any of God's plans for you? Why?
2. Paul says the Gospel is about God's Son, descended from David. How can a human being from our history books be God's own self? Or is Jesus just a name in the history books?
3. List the obstacles God encountered in bringing Jesus into the world. Is anything obstacle-free? How can good come out of obstruction? John Shea made a statement about Joseph's hesitancy to take Mary into his home. Discuss his statement: "This foreshadows the tension of all who will be drawn to Jesus. Is he a scandal to be rejected, or a manifestation of the Spirit to be welcomed?" ([Shea, 45](#)) "When Joseph awoke ..." Did Joseph wake up in more than one way?



## 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:** Aniana Pamela Pulla Saguay

Melanie Giselle Tuquinagui-Saguay, Elizabeth Dayana Sican Patzan

### 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*

**II. Brian Morales and Danielle Alicia Rufrano**

**II. Ian Van Bourgoudien and Mary Scott**

**I. Andrew Steven Woodburn and Sally Estember Cabalfin**

### We Remember ...

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. -Entrance Antiphon, Funeral Mass*

### We Pray...

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

**Patricia Foley, Brianna Pecoraro, Carmelo Maisonet, Dennis Munson, Marilyn Stein**

*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](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).*

### Praying for our Military

#### US Army

Sgt. Justin Sikorski, PVT Bailey Meyer, PVT Sean Casey SGT Daniel Smith, SPC Justin Daisy,  
SPC Olivia Cordero, PVT Joseph Cestare, PFC David Smith, PVT Jack Dyer

#### US Air Force

SSgt. Jason M. Hermes, SRA Ryan Kerstiens, SRA Timothy Kerstiens, PFC Kyle Kerstiens, SMSgt James Nizza

#### 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

*Please pray for our parish family members serving abroad in the military. Family members, please contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) to add or update your loved one's status if they have returned.*

**You're invited to the Men's Group, which  
meets every Saturday at 9 AM at the Convent  
(White House). For more information please  
contact Fr. Michael.**



**TOTUS TUUS MEN'S GROUP**  
**Be a man. Be a Saint.**



## Frequently Asked Questions

### MAKING THINGS OFFICIAL

We ask that all individuals and families who participate in the parish life of SJE register in the parish. It's pretty simple! Just contact the Parish Office and one of the members of our Pastoral Team will meet and greet you and maybe even show you around the place. Please contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We love to welcome new people into Catholic faith! Baptism ceremonies are held every Sunday at 2 p.m. Parents wishing to have a child baptized must meet with one of our parish priests or deacon and be part of our Belonging preparation process before the Baptism. Contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or email to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) for more information!

### PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Our parish wants to pray for and with those who are seriously ill or facing surgery, as well as those in danger of death, should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Parish Office and ask for one of our priests. To include you or your loved one's name on our sick list, please contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org). In addition, our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring communion to the homebound—both those temporarily unable to attend Mass and those who more permanently cannot attend Mass. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Do you want to become Catholic? We want you to become Catholic too! Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [rcia@sjecm.org](mailto:rcia@sjecm.org).

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who desire the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation process. This process begins during Lent each year and concludes on the Vigil of Pentecost. Please contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [rcia@sjecm.org](mailto:rcia@sjecm.org).

### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Catholics planning to be married should receive the Sacrament of Matrimony. Please contact the Parish Office at least SIX MONTHS before the desired date of your wedding. To begin this process, you will meet with one of our parish's priests. You can do this by contacting the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).

Are you married civilly and want to have your marriage recognized by the Catholic Church? We are happy to help! Please contact the Parish Office and we will walk with you through this simple and engaging process.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Allyson Boyle, *Secretary*  
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Tom Tebbens II  
Katie Waller, *Business Manager*

### PARISH TRUSTEES

Elizabeth Harrington  
Angelo Rollo

## PREPARING FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

### MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

**RBMR**—Red Barn—1st Floor Mtg. Room/**RBUR**—Upper Room

#### Monday, December 16, 2019

4:30 p.m.	FF Classes	School
5:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
5:30 p.m.	SJE Community Meal	RBMR
7:15 p.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena	Seton Chapel
7:15 p.m.	Level 7 Prayer Service	Church

#### Tuesday, December 17, 2019

9:30 a.m.	Bible Study	RBMR
4:30 p.m.	FF Classes	School
6,7,8 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir	Church
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir	Church
7:00 p.m.	Divine Will Prayer Group	RBUR
7:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation	Faculty Rm.

#### Wednesday, December 18, 2019

9:00 a.m.	Thrift Shop Open	Thrift Shop
6:00 p.m.	OLQA Christmas Concert/Pageant	Church
6,8 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Scouts 1227	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Baptismal Class	RBMR

#### Thursday, December 19, 2019

4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	RBMR
5:30,7,8 PM	CYO	Auditorium
6:30 p.m.	FLM Pageant	Church

#### Friday, December 20, 2019

6:30 p.m.	K of C Bingo	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Seton Chapel

#### Saturday, December 21, 2019

9:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	Seton Chapel
12:00 p.m.	CYO Game	Auditorium
2:00 p.m.	K of C Free Throw Challenge	Auditorium
5:45 p.m.	Spanish Youth Group	RBMR

#### Sunday, December 22, 2019

10:00 a.m.	Family Life Ministry	Cafeteria
1,2:15,3:30	CYO Game	Auditorium
4:00 p.m.	Mass Band Rehearsal	Church

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Monday, December 16, 2019 Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Ashley DeLuca
12 Noon	Harold Clark

#### Tuesday, December 17, 2019 Late Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Vera Montalbano
12 Noon	Michael Toscano
7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available

#### Wednesday, December 18, 2019 Late Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Alan Youngman
12 Noon	Fr. Martin Klein

#### Thursday, December 19, 2019 Late Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Ashley DeLuca
12 Noon	Gregory Albert Hammond

#### Friday, December 20, 2019 Late Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Hugh Kelso
10:30 a.m.	OLQA School Mass
12 Noon	Ashley DeLuca

#### Saturday, December 21, 2019 Late Advent Weekday St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m.	Philip Storch
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### Fourth Sunday of Advent

#### Mass of Anticipation

5:00 p.m.	David Pratt
7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available

#### Sunday

7:30 a.m.	Dr. William Savino
9:00 a.m.	John and Joan Bell
10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:00 p.m.	Denise Burke
5:30 p.m.	Rui George Soares