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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(in the Blue House)

**Monday – Thursday**

9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

**Friday**

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Saturday and Sunday**

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

# St. John the Evangelist

## Roman Catholic Church

25 Ocean Avenue,

Center Moriches, New York 11934-3698



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*Parish Website: [www.sjecm.org](http://www.sjecm.org)*

*Facebook: Welcome Home-St. John the Evangelist*



“Retain what is good.  
Refrain from every kind of evil.”

**1 Thessalonians 5:21-22**

## Third Sunday of Advent

*December 17, 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

**ADVENT 2017**

**THIS MONDAY...**

**Advent Day of Reconciliation**

**Monday, December 18, 2017**

Confessions will be heard from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

In **Seton Chapel in the Convent Building**

The sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated at SJE on the following days and times this week:

**Monday—Friday** after the 7 a.m. and 12 Noon Masses (in the IHM Meeting Room—next to the Chapel)

**Saturdays**—After the 8 a.m. Mass and from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. and 7:00 to 7:15 p.m. (In Spanish)

**Sundays**—4:30 –5:00 p.m. (*Please note Confessions will not be heard on Christmas Eve, December 24th.*)



*St. John the Evangelist*

**1st Annual  
Christmas Tree  
Lighting  
THIS WEDNESDAY**

**December 20th + 7:30 p.m.**

Join seminarian Paul Clores for our first annual Christmas tree lighting....we're hoping it's going to look like the tree above. We'll gather by the Rectory building but best to park in the school parking lot. Join us outside for a prayer service, refreshments, and fellowship outside the rectory building.



*Don't forget—we are decorating the outside of the Convent and Rectory buildings today (12/17/17) around 1...great activity for families and parishioners! All are welcome!*

## From the Pastor's Seminarian's Desk

Dear Parish Family:

*I am sure you agree that we have been blessed by the way God is calling others to His service. We see this most especially in the presence of Fr. Michael and Paul Clores, our pastoral year seminarian. I have asked Paul to give you a little update about what he is up to here at SJE! This is Paul's first parish experience and as I think you'll read he's gaining a lot from being a part of our community (and we are too!).—Fr. John*



It's been 7 months since I first arrived here at St. John the Evangelist's. A lot has happened since then! The purpose of my time here with you is to get acclimated to parish life. When you are in the seminary, at times you lose the perception of the end goal. You get lost in the exams and papers. However, my time here has allowed me to get a taste of priesthood and you have all helped me do that.

One of the great blessings in my time here has been the time I spent with the 2nd grade preparing them for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I would meet with them every Thursday and we would discuss what it means to grow in relationship with God and always find comfort in His Mercy. I often found that I learned more from them than they have from me. I have also had the great opportunity of teaching 6th grade religious ed class. Once every other week I go to the prison in Riverhead. There I have interacted with different inmates which has been an intimidating but moving experience. I continue to participate in the liturgies here at the parish in different ways as well.

These are just a few of the things I have done up until this point. I am thankful for the time I have spent here and I look forward to the months ahead. Thank you for all your support and prayers. You have helped form me in many ways. God bless!

### CHRISTMAS INTERIOR DECORATING

So many people have commented about the beauty of the Auditorium and Seton Chapel during the season of Advent. We're making the best of some challenging times. Special thanks to our Art and Environment Ministry for making all of this happen!

**Mark your calendars! We plan to decorate the Auditorium and Seton Chapel for Christmas on THIS FRIDAY, December 22nd At 12 Noon**

This is a great opportunity for families of all shapes and sizes to come and be a part of! Make plans to come! To learn more about our Art and Environment Ministry, contact Claire Dern at [cdern5585@olqany.org](mailto:cdern5585@olqany.org) or leave a message in the Rectory.

### 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.





## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

### 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Schedule

*This year, as we have known, the 4th Week of Advent is less than a day (December 24th!). This means we attend Mass (with great joy and excitement) for **BOTH** the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas. So you can attend Saturday evening and Sunday evening, Sunday morning and Sunday Evening or Sunday morning and Monday morning. You can choose any combo that works for you! Maybe cut this page out and put in a place where everyone can see it.*

#### **Saturday/Sunday, December 23/24, 2017**

*Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent (not Christmas)*

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

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

#### **Sunday/Monday, December 24/25, 2017 - Christmas**

**Vigil of Christmas** *(not for 4th Sunday of Advent)*

**4 p.m.** – OLQA Auditorium

**4 p.m.** – Center Moriches High School Auditorium— Children's Choir

**NOT AT SJE @** 300 Frowein Road, Center Moriches, NY 11934

**6 p.m.** – OLQA Auditorium

**9 p.m.** – OLQA Auditorium – Spanish

**12 Midnight** – OLQA Auditorium—Adult Choir

*Christmas Carols beginning at 11:00 p.m.*

#### **Christmas Day – December 25, 2017**

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 30/31—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, 2018**

*Because the solemnity falls on a Monday, it is not obligatory. However, all Catholics are encouraged to attend Mass on this day. All Masses on this Monday will be celebrated in the Auditorium, NOT in Seton Chapel.*

7:00 a.m. + 10:30 a.m. + 12 Noon

## ADVENT 2017

## O Antiphons

Darren Henson, STL



"Oh, my goodness! It's Advent!" That was the usual reaction I heard as a child when the long Thanksgiving weekend began to wind down. We would make a frantic dash to the dark basement storage room in search of our Advent wreath and colored candles.

Our family had the tradition of lighting the wreath every night before supper. Our prayer was accompanied by a verse of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." It wasn't until I was an adult that I learned that each verse of the song belongs to a particular day between December 17–23 in the Advent calendar.

The final eight days of Advent are accentuated by these "O" statements that lead to the eight days of the Christmas octave. The week-long prelude intensifies the longing heart for the Savior of the world.

The "O" statements are antiphons that appear at Evening Prayer before and after the Gospel canticle is prayed. The images are so rich that in the Middle Ages, they were woven into a hymn that became associated with the entire season of Advent. Today, in addition to appearing at Evening Prayer, they are also found in the daily liturgy. They take turns, one a day, serving as the verse to the Gospel Acclamation: "O Wisdom," "O Sacred Lord," "O Flower of Jesse's Stem," "O Key of David," "O Radiant Dawn," "O King of All Nations," and the most expected and greatest of them all, "O Emmanuel." They end December 23rd, because evening prayer on December 24th is the beginning of the Christmas vigil.

The original Latin titles for these images formed an acrostic to reveal a hidden message. The first letter of each phrase added to the next and then reversed spelled *Ero Cras*, or "I will come tomorrow."

Some parishes will sing the familiar song throughout Advent, and it is one that should not be overlooked. Waiting to break out the O Antiphons until December 17 will emphasize the seasonal practice of patient waiting. Whenever they are prayed or sung, these images

intend to inspire awe and wonder. They leave us with the speechless response of "Oh!" as we contemplate the multiple images that Christ fulfills.

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Which image in the O Antiphons seems the most unfamiliar to you? What does it tell us about the season?
- How does your understanding of Christmas change when you ponder that Christ fulfills all seven of these O images?
- Where in your life do you need wisdom? The Lord to reveal himself? New growth? An opened door? A radiant new day? A ruler? And God among us?

For a deeper understanding of the O Antiphons, visit <http://catholic-resources.org/Lectioary/Advent-O-Antiphons.htm>, a site that lists each antiphon, its refrain, the Latin translation, the acclamation translation, and biblical references.

## HOME ACTIVITIES

Create a countdown to Christmas. Beginning December 17, take one O Antiphon image each day. Use it to begin a prayer around your family's Advent wreath, or sing the corresponding verse of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."

Share with others how this image might be important to living a Christian life? (The Web site, <http://catholic-resources.org/Lectioary/Advent-O-Antiphons.htm>, has a chart with each antiphon with its entire refrain, the Latin translation, the Acclamation translation, and then biblical references.) R

## SCRIPTURE CORNER

Wisdom 9:1–6

Sirach 24

Isaiah 9:1–2, 11:1–3

Slowly read and ponder these texts. Can you sense and identify with their anticipation and excitement?

DARREN M. HENSON, STL, is pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Emporia, Kansas. He serves as adjunct faculty at Loyola University Chicago, and Benedictine College, Atchison, Kansas, teaching liturgy and sacraments.



## ADVENT 2017



### **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 **this weekend, December 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.

### **Lighting Your Advent Wreath During 4th Week of Advent**

*Each day during the fourth week of Advent, at the evening meal, all four candles are lit. 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). See the list of daily readings found in Sunday's Word or at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).*

*Then the Leader continues:*

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

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### ADULT CONFIRMATION



*Are you an adult interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation?* If you are a baptized Catholic, but have not been fully initiated, we offer a process for those who desire to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

For adults who desire more information, contact Suzan Fitzpatrick at [rcia@sjecm.org](mailto:rcia@sjecm.org). For teenagers and their families who desire more information, contact the Faith Formation Office at 631-878-0009, ext. 170 or e-mail to [faithformation@sjecm.org](mailto:faithformation@sjecm.org).

### **RCIA: Journeying Towards the Fullness of Life**

#### **Can you join the journey?**

As you can see, new groups are forming for the Christian initiation of adults and children. We are looking for men and women of our parish to accompany those who are seeking to become Catholic and complete their initiation. For more information, contact Suzan Fitzpatrick at [rcia@sjecm.org](mailto:rcia@sjecm.org) or Paul Clores at [pclores@sjecm.org](mailto:pclores@sjecm.org). You can also leave a message at the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Sister Ann Berendes, IHM + [aberendes@sjecm.org](mailto:aberendes@sjecm.org) + Director of Parish Social Ministry (631-878-0009 ext. 119)

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Helen Williams—[hannah51@optonline.net](mailto:hannah51@optonline.net)

Communion to the Homebound: Sister Ann Berendes, IHM

Community Meal: Fr. John Sureau—[jsureau@sjecm.org](mailto:jsureau@sjecm.org)

Homeless Outreach: Alex Finta

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

# 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

### Advent Families in Service

Thanks to our Family Life Ministry for organizing another Advent Families in Service. We made over 700 sandwiches for local organizations in need. What a great ways for families to come together here at SJE.



### 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!*

Special thanks to Teresa Webb,  
Executive Director of Team Up 4 Community,  
who collected hundreds of clothes for the  
Street Ministry from local youth sports teams  
and OLQA students for moving the donations!





## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Michael Clauberg + [mclauberg@sjecm.org](mailto:mclauberg@sjecm.org)**

*Director of Youth Ministry (631-878-0009 ext. 205)*

**Boy Scouts:** Pat Hahn [TroopPack800@aol.com](mailto:TroopPack800@aol.com)

**Cub Scouts:** Michael Hayes + [cubscoutpack0800@gmail.com](mailto:cubscoutpack0800@gmail.com)

**EDGE (Middle School Youth Ministry):** [youth@sjecm.org](mailto:youth@sjecm.org)

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

**SJE Service Corps:** Fr. John Sureau + [jsureau@sjecm.org](mailto:jsureau@sjecm.org)

**Young Adult Ministry:** [youth@sjecm.org](mailto:youth@sjecm.org)

### Office Hours

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

**Tuesdays:** 4:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**Wednesdays:** 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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

### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

#### Event Schedule January-April

**Sunday-** Come to our 5:30 PM Youth/Family Mass

**Wednesday-** Youth ministry activities 7:00-8:30

1/3/18- Meet in Gym

1/17/18- Meet in Gym

1/31/18- Meet in Barn

2/14/18- Ash Wednesday Mass

2/28/18- Meet in Gym

3/14/18- Meet in Gym

4/11/18- Meet in Gym

4/25/18- Meet in Gym

Middle school teenagers are invited and we encourage you to bring your friends!



## TEENS IN ACTION

Special thanks to the high school students for all their hard work helping other youth have a Blessed Christmas!

**Life Teen meets every Sunday, 7:00 PM, after the 5:30 PM Mass. OLQA gym.  
For All High School Teens**



**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).

## Serving Justice Excellently YOUTH SERVICE CORPS

*Another Component of Youth Ministry at St. John the Evangelist!*

There is such a great need for service in the life of our parish and often a huge number of young people who want to help those in need. This new Service Corps is one way to make this connection.

### Here's how it works:

1. **ANY** middle school, high school and college aged students send their contact information to Fr. John at [jsureau@sjecm.org](mailto:jsureau@sjecm.org) (You do not need to already be a part of Life Teen or Middle School Youth Ministry to be part of the Service Corps.)
2. As requests for help come from or come into our parish, you'll be contacted to see if you can help.
3. If you can help with a particular project, great! If not, no problem. You'll be contacted for the next one!

**It really is that easy!!! SIGN UP TODAY** by e-mailing Fr. John at [jsureau@sjecm.org](mailto:jsureau@sjecm.org).

## FAITH FORMATION

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 170 + 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, 12Noon-5:00PM (RED BARN, Upstairs)

### CLASS & OFFICE HOURS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Please note that we will not be having classes from Saturday, December 23 through Tuesday, January 2. Classes will resume on Saturday, January 6.

**Our Office Hours during the holiday season are as follows:**

#### Christmas Week:

**Closed:** Monday, December 25; Wednesday, December 27 (Feast of St. John the Evangelist)

#### New Year's

**Closed:** Monday, January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

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### LEVEL 7 PARENT MEETING: 1/8 & 1/9

Level 7 Parents: Please be sure to join us for our next parent meeting in January, which will be held during class times. Come to ONE of the following dates:

**Monday, January 8 6:15-7:15PM OR 7:45-8:45PM in the Auditorium**

**OR**

**Tuesday, January 9, 7:45-8:45PM in the Auditorium**

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### 'TIS THE SEASON...

Our students have been learning about Advent, with Catechists finding fun and creative ways to discuss the Season and prepare for Christmas!





## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

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



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

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

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

### THURSDAY EXPOSITION

*Need to slow down  
and connect with God?*

Why not come down to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, which is held every Thursday, 12 Noon-8:30 p.m. The Patriotic Rosary is prayed on the first Thursday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. each week. For more information about Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SJE, call 631-878-0086.

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



If interested, please contact Grand Knight Ken Swicki 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 12/10/17: \$15,547**  
(2016: \$14,550)

Immaculate Conception: \$3,789  
(2016: \$3,867)

Religious Retirement Fund: \$2,700  
(2016: \$3,011)

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

## Office Help Needed....

In May, we asked for volunteers to assist with our office hours on the weekends. WE took down a number of names but then because of computer glitch (well, a Fr. John glitch), we believe we have lost some of the names. If you have not been contacted, can you contact us again? We are in need of volunteers on Saturdays from 9 to 11:30 and from 11:30 to 2.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Reading I:** 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16  
*The Lord speaks to Nathan.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

**Second Reading:** Romans 16:25-27

*God strengthens the Gentiles in their understanding of the Gospel.*

**Gospel:** Luke 1:26-38

*The angel Gabriel visits Mary, who responds willingly to God.*

## Discussion Questions

1. What was the "mystery kept secret for long ages"? Do you think the "mystery" was really a secret or possibly that it was not understood till Jesus became man? What does the Incarnation reveal to you about God?
2. Why would an infinite God wait for a human "yes" to enter the human race? Why didn't he just come to us on his own? Can you relate to Mary's unconditional "yes" to God, or is your yes conditional? If you do say yes, will God come take up residence in your life?



## WEEKEND RECTORY HOURS

The Rectory Office is open on Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

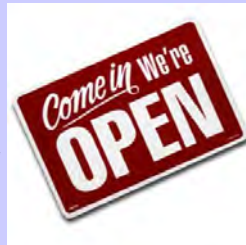
Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners we are able to be open to assist with Mass cards, take phone calls, and be more available to those in the parish who find the weekday hours difficult.

New 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.**



## MUSIC MINISTRY

Andrew McKeon + [music@sjecm.org](mailto:music@sjecm.org)

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Sister Ann Berendes IHM + [aberendes@sjecm.org](mailto:aberendes@sjecm.org)

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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 12/16 and 12/17

Entrance Hymn: #40, On Jordan's Bank

Preparation Hymn: #38, O Come, O Come,  
Emmanuel

Communion Hymn: #75, Bread of Life

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:** Azlas Salvador Garcia Perez, Nicole Abigail Trujillo,  
Eileen OConnor, Christian Daniel Bonilla Granados, Patrick Joseph Gerard  
Murphy, Kathleen Philomena Marie Murphy

### 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. 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

Susan Hinichs, Anthony Longo

### 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, Joan Giammalvo

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](mailto: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

SPC. Daniel Smith

#### 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](mailto: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 18, 2017

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
3:00 p.m.	Confessions	Seton Chapel
4:45 p.m.	FF Classes Level 3-6	School
6:00 p.m.	CYO Practice	Auditorium
6:15 p.m.	FF Classes Level 7-8	School
7:45 p.m.	FF Classes Level 7-8	School

### Tuesday, December 19, 2017

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

### Wednesday, December 20, 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
7:00 p.m.	Heroin Anonymous	RBMR
7:30 p.m.	Christmas Tree Lighting	Rectory Grounds

### Thursday, December 21, 2017

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	RBMR
5:00 p.m.	CYO Game	Auditorium
7:30 p.m.	Pro Life	RBUR

### Friday, December 22, 2017

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
12 Noon	Auditorium/Chapel Decorating	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	RBMR

### Saturday, December 23, 2017

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
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### Sunday, December 24, 2017

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

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Monday, December 18, 2017

Late Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Special Intentions- Marilyn Cavallero
12 Noon	Jon Brynjolfsson

### Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Late Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Greg Redmond
12 Noon	Gerald Bennett

### Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Late Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Amy Quinn
12 Noon	Meghan Shea

### Thursday, December 21, 2017

Late Advent Weekday

St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m.	William Lewis
12 Noon	John Donahue

### Friday, December 22, 2017

Late Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Avelino M. Goncalves
12 Noon	Doreen Anne LoBasco

### Saturday, December 23, 2017

Late Advent Weekday

St. John of Kanty, Priest

8:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Larsen
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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Mass of Anticipation

5:00 p.m.	Helen Scheu
7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available

### Sunday

7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m.	Richard Marsh
10:30a.m	John Hathaway
12 Noon	Jean Kelledy
4:00 p.m.	Those Remembered in Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
6:00 p.m	Those Remembered in Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
9:00 p.m.	Those Remembered in Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
Midnight	Those Remembered in Christmas Spiritual Bouquet