



# 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



# Fourth Sunday of Advent

*She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus - Matthew 1:21*



# 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.



# The Pastor's Post

Sleeping St. Joseph

## KEEP DREAMING!

Dear Parish Family:

Last Saturday, I had the chance to be part of the Center Moriches Christmas Parade of Lights with Our Lady Queen of Apostles—the Catholic School in Center Moriches. As I was walking to our starting off point, I passed by the office of Dr. William Savino and Dr. Judith Savino. You may know that Dr. William Savino died suddenly this past summer. His passing was a shock to so many.



As I passed his office, I met his wonderful wife who took some time to show me their beautiful office window. It is filled with Nativity scenes from throughout the world. They depict the vision of the Nativity from peoples of all different lands, languages, and nationalities. I urge to you take some time to visit there in these days of Christmas.

Pope Francis recently wrote to the Church about the importance of the Nativity scene in his Apostolic Letter, *Admirable Signum*. It is a beautiful (and short) letter about the importance of the Nativity scene. Take some time to read it (before or after you walk by the Savino's Office). Near the conclusion of his letter, he writes:

*Standing before the Christmas crèche, we are reminded of the time when we were children, eagerly waiting to set it up. These memories make us all the more conscious of the precious gift received from those who passed on the faith to us. At the same time, they remind us of our duty to share this same experience with our children and our grandchildren. It does not matter how the nativity scene is arranged: it can always be the same or it can change from year to year. What matters is that it speaks to our lives. Wherever it is, and whatever form it takes, the Christmas crèche speaks to us of the love of God, the God who became a child in order to make us know how close he is to every man, woman and child, regardless of their condition.*



I had the privilege to preside and preach at Dr. Savino's funeral. Honestly, I did not know about the Nativity scene tradition of his office. I tend to walk with my head down, I guess. At his funeral, I preached about St. Joseph and I used the Gospel we pray with at Mass this weekend. I talked about the statue of the Sleeping St. Joseph. The tradition is that when you have a problem or situation that is trouble, write about it on a piece of paper and let St. Joseph "sleep on it" if you will.

I have one of these statues in my room near my bed and in both of my offices. (See picture to the left.) I find throughout the day if something is getting at me or I can't seem to get through something I write it on a piece of paper or a Post-It note and place it under the statue. I would be dishonest if I said things suddenly get solved or if things immediately got better. It serves as a reminder that other people are praying for me and ultimately I'm not in control. St. Joseph had to let go of and trust a lot that God was in charge. We all probably need to do the same.

When writing about St. Joseph in *Admirable Signum*, Pope Francis says, "Joseph treasured in his heart the great mystery surrounding Jesus and Mary his spouse; as a just man, he entrusted himself always to God's will, and put it into practice." As we break open the Scriptures this weekend (and at the Christmas Vigil Mass when we hear the same reading), let's pray that we, too, will always entrust ourselves to God's will.

In light of my walk this past Saturday, let's also remember those who will physically be without a loved one this Christmas for the first time. May they join St. Joseph and all of our loved in praying for us!

*Featherman*

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 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**—Confessions end at 2 p.m.

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



### 4th Sunday of Advent 2019

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

**Confessions**—3:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**Mass**—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, 5:30 p.m.



### Christmas 2019

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

#### Christmas Eve

**4 p.m.** – Church– *Fr. Michael*

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

**4 p.m.** – OLQA Auditorium– *Fr. John*

**6 p.m.** – Church– *Fr. Felix*

**9 p.m.** – Church (Spanish)–

*Fr. Michael*

**12 Midnight** – Church– *Fr. John*

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

#### Christmas Day

**7:30 a.m.** – *Fr. Michael*

**9:00 a.m.**– *Fr. Felix*

**10:30 a.m.** – *Msgr. Jim Vlaun*

**12 Noon**– *Fr. John*

(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.



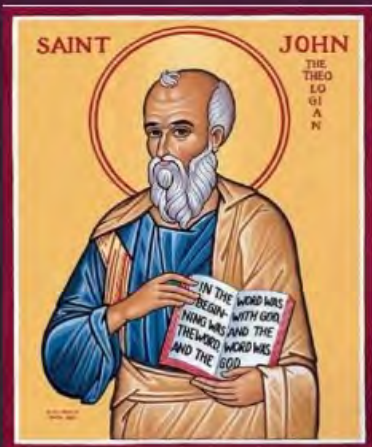
## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE



Come celebrate the feast of our patron saint.

Feast of

# St. John The Evangelist



Friday  
December 27, 2019  
@ the 12 Noon Mass

All parish offices will be closed in  
observation of this feast day.

**Ready to get an AWESOME  
Christmas Gift?**

**COME TO SJE FOR  
CHRISTMAS!**

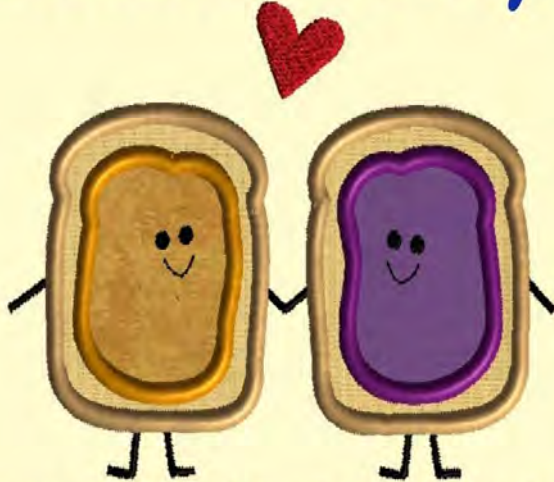


Free Christmas gift for everyone...  
it might just change your life!



## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

*Family Life Ministry presents*  
**Sandwich Sundays**



Join us on the second Sunday of the month after the 9AM Mass in the cafeteria of OLQA to make sandwiches for those in need. All are welcome! For more information, call the parish office at 631-878-0009.

**-The Knights of Columbus  
Present-**

### BINGO NIGHT Every Friday

BINGO									
4	26	43	59	70					
9	30	41	55	68					
7	23	32	50	63					
8	20	31	60	75					
13	18	34	52	69					

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



**\$2000 IN  
PRIZES!**



**Please note—There will be no Bingo  
on Friday 12/27.**

## Church Christmas Decoration Set Up

**This Monday, December 23, 2019 @ 5PM  
Meet in the Church!**

## Christmas Decoration Clean Up

**Sunday, January 13, 2019 @ 1 P.M.  
All hands on deck!**

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

We are already getting ready for the Christmas Clean Up – Sunday, January 13, 2019 – at 1 p.m. Sign up today! We need you! (Please note if the weather is not looking good for Sunday, we may do this on the Saturday before.)





## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

### BELONGING BAPTISM TEAM MEMBERS WANTED!

ARE YOU LOOKING TO HELP YOUR PARISH IN A BIG WAY, BUT DON'T HAVE A LOT OF TIME? IF SO, THE BAPTISM TEAM MAY BE THE PLACE FOR YOU! WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW, FRIENDLY VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUR YOUNG FAMILIES KNOW THEY BELONG HERE AT SJE! FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT FR. MICHAEL AT [MPLONA@SJECM.ORG](mailto:MPLONA@SJECM.ORG) OR 631-878-0009



## YOUTH MINISTRY

Congratulations Cub Scout Pack 1227 on taking first prize for the best Cub Scout float in the Center Moriches FD Holiday Parade of Lights, and the Best Youth Organization Float in the Chamber of Commerce of the Mastics and Shirley Holiday Parade. Great job team. We would also like to wish a very merry and blessed Christmas to all...



and a happy New Year!

**Follow us on Facebook: Cub Scout Pack 1227**  
**Follow us on Instagram: Cubscoutpack1227**

## 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)

### WISHING EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS! CLASS & OFFICE HOURS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Please note that we will not be having classes from Monday, December 23 through Saturday, January 4. Classes will resume on Monday, January 6.

**Please Note: Our offices will be closed from:**

**Tuesday, December 23—Wednesday, January 1**

**We will reopen on Thursday, January 2**

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### GETTING INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!



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### UPCOMING PARENT MEETINGS: JANUARY

**Level 1:** 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 meetings during class times:

**Saturday, January 11 @ 8:30AM-9:30AM OR 10AM-11AM in the Auditorium**

**Level 7:** Please be sure to join us for our next parent meeting in January, which will be held during class time.

**Monday, January 13 @ 7:15-8:30PM in the Church**

**Level 8:** 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 meetings during class times:

**Tuesday, January 14 @ 6PM-7PM OR 7:15-8:15PM in the Auditorium**

**Heritage:** 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 meetings during class times:

**Saturday, January 18 @ 8:30AM-9:30AM OR 10AM-11AM in the Auditorium**



## 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)

Communion to the Homebound: Kevin Both - [counts2n2@aol.com](mailto:counts2n2@aol.com)

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



**The Thrift Shop will be closed  
Wednesday, December 25th  
and Wednesday, January 1st**

in observance of Christmas and New Years.  
It will re-open on Wednesday, January 8th, 2020.

PLEASE **DO NOT** LEAVE ANY DONATIONS OUTSIDE OF THE BINS  
OR OUTSIDE OF THE THRIFT SHOP! These items will be thrown out.

## SENIOR MINISTRY

Sister Ann Berendes, IHM—[aberendes@sjecm.org](mailto:aberendes@sjecm.org) + 631.878.0009, x. 127



During the holy season of Advent most of us are very busy with Christmas gifts, decorating, baking and myriad other tasks. For some it is also a period of fasting from food and/or drink. This is all well and good, but have we considered the ascetical aspects of preparation as Jesus did in his life? The critics of Jesus failed to see how his asceticism went far beyond food and drink. It included the very things that we should be doing and for the most part you are doing: things like forgiving wrongs, going the extra mile, donating food, visiting the homebound, helping those who are ill.

Jesus did not worry about his choice of friends. He chose fishermen to be his leaders, he associated with all kinds of sinners to show them how they can change. His breadth of relationships was endless. How about us? Do our spiritual practices flow from a loving heart? Does our fasting include things like fasting from gossip, from putting people down, from self-rightness? Are we trying to make clones of ourselves or do we try to expand our relationships? I can't imagine life if we were all the same! However, I can imagine life if we all cared for one another in a loving manner.

I can remember as a child really trying to be good because we were getting ready for the Birth of Christ. I'm sure that parents today are still doing that, but it is more important to SHOW the young (and the not-so-young) how to be more conscious of how Jesus would want us to be.

What will Senior Ministry be offering after Christmas? We will still have our "balancing" practice of T'ai Chi, Cha, Sophia's Circle (a book study to help us as we age), Sunday Scripture preparation; and a new offer by one of our parishioners who is both a retired nurse and a cancer survivor, a Support Group for those who are cancer sufferers, cancer survivors, and caregivers; and a Bereavement Support Group. After Christmas I will list the days and times of each activity.

*May you have a restful, prayerful, and holy Christmas Season! May God bless all of you for your continued generosity, especially toward those who less fortunate than we.*



## PRAYER AND WORSHIP



### THE DIVINE OFFICE

The Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office or the Work of God (*Opus Dei*), is the daily prayer of the Church,

marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer. The Hours are a meditative dialogue on the mystery of Christ, using scripture and prayer. At times the dialogue is between the Church or individual soul and God; at times it is a dialogue among the members of the Church; and at times it is even between the Church and the world.....In the Hours, the royal priesthood of the baptized is exercised, and this sacrifice of praise is thus connected to the sacrifice of the Eucharist, both preparing for and flowing from the Mass.  
-Taken from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops -[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

### We pray the Liturgy of the Hours

**Sunday** – Evening Prayer—after the 5:30 p.m. Mass – Our Lady's Chapel

**Monday** – Daytime Prayer– 3 p.m.–Seton Chapel

**Monday** – Night Prayer– 8:45 p.m.–Seton Chapel

**Thursday**– Daytime Prayer– 1 p.m.–Seton Chapel

**Thursday**– Evening Prayer– 4:45 p.m.–Seton Chapel

**Saturday**—Evening Prayer—after the 5:00 p.m. Mass—Our Lady's Chapel

### Low Gluten Host Available

Low Gluten Hosts (less than .01% gluten content) are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. If you need to receive Holy Communion using a low-gluten host, please stop in the sacristy before Mass to discuss this with the priest and see if this will be acceptable for you and/or your child. If you cannot receive the low-gluten host, we can offer a separate chalice for you. We will be happy to accommodate you if we can. Please let us know.



## 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](mailto:p-chavez@hotmail.com) para el próximo paso a seguir. Gracias.



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## MUSIC MINISTRIES @ SJE

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Tess Austin—5:30 Mass Band Director—[tessaustin1624@gmail.com](mailto:tessaustin1624@gmail.com)

### Hymns for this week:

#### **Advent Entrance Antiphon**

#### **#511 - Lift Up Your Heads**

#### **#515 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

#### **#496 - When the King Shall Come Again**

We are still looking to expand our choir membership! Please email the directors (on this page) to inquire about joining one of our choir/mass band ministries! A full commitment may be difficult as we understand; we love to have individuals that can offer their gifts around big holidays, too! If this would be of interest to you, please ask! Music ministers have the most fun!

Thank you to those generous individuals who have already given to the Friends of Music! We are most thankful for you supporting our mission to punctuate our liturgies here at SJE with wonderful musical leadership!

## 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!

## 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 12/15/19: \$16,160**  
(2018: \$17,502)

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 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 **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**Reading I:** Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

*Kindness and respect for parents is urged.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:12-21 or Colossians 3:12-17

*What is expected of the chosen of God.*

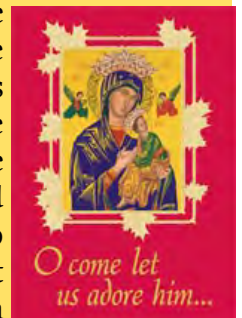
**Gospel:** Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

*An angel tells Joseph to take Mary and the baby and flee to Egypt.*



### 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.





## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

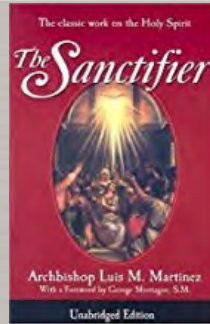
### WOMEN'S GROUP— COME HOLY SPIRIT FALL AFRESH ON US!

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:** 12-30.

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



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.



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## 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: Matthew Alejandro Spitzner**

### We Celebrate

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

*The Joy of Love, 55*

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

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

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

**I. Daniel Becza and Angela Schon**

### 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, Julianna Gales, Daniel DeRienzi**

*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 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.*

## RECTORY HOURS

The Rectory is the BLUE HOUSE on Ocean Avenue. It is here where you can make appointments to meet with one of our priests, pick up a Mass Card, drop off materials and is usually a good "first stop" when at SJE.

We seek to be as present as we can to those who come to our doors. We are open from 9:30—Noon and 1—8 Monday—Thursday and 9:30 –2 from Friday—Saturday. We close from 12 to 1 each day to give our staff some time free.

## HOLIDAY HOURS

As we celebrate the feasts of Christmas and New Years as well as the feast day of our parish – St. John the Evangelist – on December 27<sup>th</sup>, please note the change in office hours for

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

All offices are closed.

**Friday, December 27, 2019**– All offices will close in observance of the Feast of St. John the Evangelist.

**Tuesday, December 31, 2019** – All offices are closed.

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020** – All offices are closed.



## 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

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Tom Tebbens II  
Katie Waller, *Business Manager*

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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 23, 2019

6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir	Church
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir	Church
7:15 p.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena	Seton Chapel

#### Tuesday, December 24, 2019

9:30 a.m.	Bible Study	RBMR
7:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation	Faculty Rm.

#### Wednesday, December 25, 2019

**NO EVENTS. THRIFT SHOP IS CLOSED**

#### Thursday, December 26, 2019

4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	RBMR
5:30, 7, 8 PM	CYO	Auditorium
6/7 p.m.	Children's Choir/Adult Choir	Church

#### Friday, December 27, 2019

7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Seton Chapel
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#### Saturday, December 28, 2019

9:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	Seton Chapel
5:00 p.m.	OLQA Reunion	Auditorium
5:45 p.m.	Spanish Youth Group	RBMR

#### Sunday, December 29, 2019

4:00 p.m.	Mass Band Rehearsal	Church
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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Monday, December 23 2019

Late Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Avelino M. Goncalves
12 Noon	Harry Hogan

#### Tuesday, December 24 2019

Late Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Patricia Townsend
<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>NO MASS CELEBRATED</b>
4PM (church)	Helen Scheu
4PM (aud.)	Msgr. James M. McDonald
6:00 p.m.	Howard Ostermeyer
9:00 p.m.	Christmas Spiritual Bouquet

#### Wednesday, December 25, 2019

The Nativity of the Lord

Midnight	Rudy Giaccaglia
7:30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
9:00 a.m.	Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
10:30 a.m.	Margaret Scanlon
12 Noon	Christmas Spiritual Bouquet

#### Thursday, December 26, 2019

St. Stephen, The First Martyr

7:00 a.m.	Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
12 Noon	Helen and James Keane

#### Friday, December 27, 2019

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

7:00 a.m.	Brian Radigan
12 Noon	The People of the Parish

#### Saturday, December 28, 2019

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00 a.m.	Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
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### Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

#### Mass of Anticipation

5:00 p.m.	William Savino
7:30 p.m.	Juan Martinez

#### Sunday

7:30 a.m.	Anthony and Irene Bracco
9:00 a.m.	Louis Cordeiro
10:30 a.m.	Doreen Ann LoBosco
12:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
5:30 p.m.	Christmas Spiritual Bouquet

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