



St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church

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(in the Blue House)

Monday – Thursday

9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

*The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light....” – Isaiah 9:1*



Become a part of the light at SJE!

CHRISTMAS 2017

“I call you friends....”

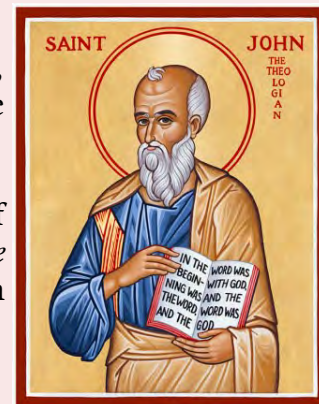
John 15:15

The Parish of St. John the Evangelist welcomes you to today the celebrations of the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas.

We extend a special welcome to those who are returning to the Church today, and perhaps, returning to our parish today. We are honored by your presence and hope you will worship with us again.

May our celebrations today remind us of the Lord's command in the Gospel of St. John the Evangelist: *“This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends”* (John 15:12-13).

May all who come to this place find a place of friendship and love.



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. + 10:30 a.m. + 12 Noon + 5:30 p.m.

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 in Seton Chapel on

Mondays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on

Thursdays immediately after the 12 Noon Mass until 5:00 p.m.

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

HOMELESS, but not HOPELESS

Dear Parish Family:

One of the things I regret most about being the Pastor here is the lack of time for me to join with our Street Ministry. Each week, they leave the comforts of SJE and go out to minister to poor and vulnerable inside and outside of our community. We minister on average to about 50 to 60 people a night. (See page 12 for more information.) When I can be out with them—even if it's for just a small amount of time—I become ever more aware of the presence of God in our midst.



Today you likely received this bulletin from a school auditorium—either our own or at Center Moriches High School. It's not our regular home. In some ways, because of the tragic events of May 19th, we find ourselves sort of homeless. We gather for prayer in Seton Chapel now and in the gym on the weekends. We have less space which requires adjustments for so many volunteers and ministries. We are forced to use resources—financial and otherwise—in ways we did not plan. There is a pressure involved in trying to restore our home for prayer and worship. Being without a home is tough.

Yet, over the past seven months and six days (who's counting?) we are not hopeless. Mere words cannot begin to express the gratitude for so many ways this parish and local community have come together. From those who are helping in the Town of Brookhaven and the Diocese of Rockville Centre to the outpouring of support from local religious congregations and businesses, to the generosity of so many in these challenging times. Within our community, the helping hands of the students of OLQA and Youth Ministry who set up our worship space, the many people who have gone out of their way for a kind word or an offering of encouragement to a community that has wrapped itself in prayer for the restoration of the church building. **Homeless, maybe. Hopeless, not a chance.**

As you read this, perhaps you find yourself a little “homeless” in one part of your life or another. Maybe there's a place you're not grounded or feeling like you do not belong. It might even be in your own relationship with our Lord and the Church. I hope your joining with us today is one step in bringing you to a stronger foundation. Like those saints and angels who minister in our Street Ministry (you can be one of them!), in a different way, I hope you will allow us to welcome you, to minister to you, to support you, to challenge you, to love you.

Read through the pages of this bulletin (not during Mass :)), visit our website, check out our Facebook page and consider some ways you might make SJE your home. It might be in joining the over 500 volunteers who serve here or one of the over 50 ministries. Perhaps it will be to come and pray quietly in Seton Chapel or commit to worship with us each Sunday. Maybe you'll be courageous enough to reach out and allow us to help you in some way. Or maybe you still need a little time. We're willing to meet you where you are.

The story of Christ breaking into the world has a strong “homeless” theme to it, no? Mary and Joseph can't find a place to stay. They journey and journey until they settle for a place. As you journey here, perhaps, a little lost, feeling a bit unwelcome in one place or another, homeless in a sense, I hope you will do more than settle here for a day. Starting today, allow the light of Christ that breaks into the world to brighten up your dark spaces. In that encounter, consider being a light through the many ways we reach out in prayer and service to the margins.

In a few weeks, we'll gather for Epiphany. We remember these astrologers or wise men or kings moving in darkness to find the presence of God. Homeless, too, they found the light of a star and then found the Light of the World. May the same be true for you in these days. Merry Christmas!

NEW FACES AND PLACES AT SJE

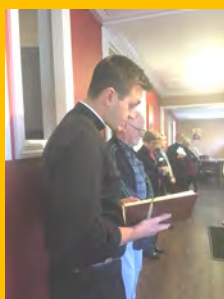
During these days, many send out Christmas cards indicating the various updates that have been happening with their families. This year, as many visit us for Christmas, we want to introduce you to some of the new faces and places at SJE!



Fr. Michael Plona, Associate Pastor

Fr. Michael became St. John's new associate pastor at the end of June – only 5 days after he was ordained a priest. What a gift he has been to our community. Since arriving, Fr. Michael has helped to lead our Spanish community, led our parish in a Total Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary, organized our East End Holy Hour and inspired us by his

prayerful presence and spirit! You can reach Fr. Michael at x. 103 or via e-mail at mplona@sjecm.org. Fr. Dennis Suglia who served at St. John's for two years, is now the Associate Pastor at St. Kilian's parish in Farmingdale.



Paul Clores, Pastoral Year Seminarian

Paul joined our parish family in the beginning of May 2017 for his pastoral summer assignment in preparation for ordination to the priesthood. The original plan was for Paul to move to a new assignment in

September. However, we all wanted him to stay and Bishop Barres said yes. Paul lives at the Rectory and works in various ministries in the parish including: OLQA School, Pastoral Care of the Sick, Faith Formation and Youth Ministry. While Paul is with us to learn more about the life of a parish priest, he is helping us to learn some things too! You reach Paul at x. 113 or via email at pclores@sjecm.org



Andrew McKeon, Director of Music Ministries

This September, Andrew joined the Pastoral Team as the Director of Music Ministries. Andrew, though, is no stranger to SJE or the Center Moriches community. A graduate of OLQA, our parish regional school, Andrew has been a member of St. John's for his entire life. Last year, Andrew served as our principal organist and

helped to coordinate our parish's musical efforts. This year, Andrew takes on this new role that sees him coordinating all of our music ministries and cantors and, in doing so, helping us to all the offer even more perfect praise and glory to God. You can reach Andrew by calling the Parish Office or emailing at music@sjecm.org.



Alexander Finta, Associate Director of Parish Social Ministry

Alex joined the Pastoral Team last June after serving here as a Social Work intern. Alex is responsible for our increasing efforts to bring parish social ministry beyond our walls to the local community. Alex coordinates the Street Ministry, Community Meal Ministry, has organized a team of case managers, and is a

tremendous advocate for the poor and vulnerable. He also serves as the school social worker at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional School. You can reach Alex at x. 127 or via email at afinta@sjecm.org.



SETON CHAPEL

In August, we formally opened our newly renovated Seton Chapel. Because of the damage from the fire on May 19th, the convent became the place for Daily Mass. This summer, we did some extensive renovations in the convent that created a new meeting room and a large space for prayer. Daily Mass and confessions take place in Seton Chapel as does Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and our daily rosaries. Seton Chapel open at 6:30 a.m. and closes at approximately 7 p.m. In the early morning and at night, you may park in the school parking lot. During the day we ask that you park on St. John Place. Come and say a prayer in this beautiful space.



REBUILD + REPAIR + RESTORE

Your people shall rebuild the ancient ruins; the foundations from ages past you shall raise up; "Repairer of the breach," they shall call you, "Restorer of ruined dwellings."
-Isaiah 58:11-12

As you may know, on Friday, May 19, 2017, the interior of our Church building was destroyed by fire and smoke. Since then, with the help of our insurance company, contractors and the local community, we have undertaken the enormous work of restoration. As our demolition work proceeded, the damages to the Church were more extensive than anticipated. This delayed the beginning of our restoration work. In November, we started our restoration work with new HVAC equipment and now new fire and sprinkler systems. This week, we also began necessary demolition work that will allow for a new lift that will enable those who are disabled to enter the sanctuary.



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With gratitude.....

Thank you to all who assisted in our Fund a Foot campaign. We asked parishioners to help us sponsor a "square foot" of the restored Church to help us make up the gap between what insurance will reimburse us for and some necessary improvement needed for the Church building – including new flooring, an improved sound system, more effective and efficient lighting and new pews and chairs. If you would like to support this effort and join the nearly 1,000 other families who have you can visit www.sjecm.org or return the form below.

St. John the Evangelist FUND A FOOT Restoration Campaign

I'm helping to fund the restoration of St. John the Evangelist by assisting with the following number of feet in the Church.

___ 25 feet = \$625.00 ___ 20 feet = \$500.00
___ 10 feet = \$250.00
___ 2 feet = \$50.00 ___ 4 feet = \$100.00
___ 1 foot = 25.00
OR ___ feet @ \$25.00 = _____

Parishioner ID (if known) _____
Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____ *



PRAYER FOR THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST During this Time of Restoration

Lord Jesus Christ,
you were made flesh and dwell among us.
In the midst of this time of darkness,
show us your light.

Through St. John the Evangelist
we know you turned water into wine,
brought people into light,
satisfied the thirsty and healed the sick.

In these days,
may we find your healing strength.

As we repair and prepare
this renewed dwelling place,
guide us always to yourself
-the Way, the Truth, the Life –
to find patience, consolation,
hope and restoration.

Bless and strengthen
all who are using their gifts
for your glory and honor.
in these days.

Send us your Spirit
so that we might be strengthened
in this time of rebuilding
so that you may find a sure
dwelling place within us.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus,
through the intercession of the one
John took into his home,
through the intercession of the one
who beholds us,
Mary, our Mother;
you who live and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. AMEN.
Our Lady Queen of Apostles, pray for us!
St. John the Evangelist, pray for us!
All holy men and women, pray for us!

SPIRIT DAY

This past September, SJE hosted its first ever Spirit Day! It was a great day for our parish and local community! Plans for Spirit Day 2018 are already underway. If you would like to get even more involved, contact Fr. John at jsureau@sjecm.org.

Thanks to our Spirit Day Sponsors

Above All Fence
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SIGNS OF THE SEASON

Outreach Toy Drive

Special thanks to all who helped to make this Christmas season a beautiful one for our parish community. SJE came together in myriad of ways. Literally thousands of donations were received for Toy Drive (as well as thousands more for the Advent Giving Tree). SJE Youth Ministry and OLQA middle schoolers helped to bring over and sort the gifts. Our outreach volunteers (can we say “angels”) prepared a beautiful space for those who came and even more angels ministered to each family that came. What a sign of the Spirit of Christmas present here at SJE!



Advent Giving Tree



This year, in addition to the Outreach Giving Tree, SJE made a commitment to go beyond our parish to the margins. The Advent Giving Tree allowed parishioners to support children of prisoners, our Street Ministry, the North Fork Spanish Apostolate, Isabella's house and two homeless shelters.

Blessing of the Nativity

Last Sunday, our Welcome Home Ministry sponsored the Blessing of the Nativity. This year, the Nativity scene sits in front of the Church building. It is a clear reminder that Christ comes to the broken and the wounded. Fr. Michael led the prayer and Hot Cocoa, cookies and some live animals were all part of the morning.



OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES

The Catholic School in Center Moriches



2 St. John Place + Center Moriches, NY 11934

631.878.1033 + www.olqany.org

(on the grounds of St. John the Evangelist R.C. Church)

IT'S CHRISTMAS...

CONSIDER THE GIFTS OF THE OLQA EXPERIENCE!

Find out more about OLQA's (Our Lady Queen of Apostles):



- ☐ Transformational Catholic faith-filled community that recognizes the individual strengths of each student
- ☐ Strong academic program from Pre-K3 to 8 that meets and exceeds NYS Standards and seeks to educate the whole child
- ☐ Safe and secure environment that encourages learning
- ☐ Commitment to character and values formation in the Catholic tradition at every level and throughout the school community
- ☐ Campus Ministry program forming a caring faith filled community in experiences of prayer, service and transformation.
- ☐ Social worker available daily to serve students and their families
- ☐ Enrichment program allowing students to explore their many God-given gifts in unique and exciting ways
- ☐ Before and after care programs for working parents
- ☐ New student activities allowing students to grow in our

community and better develop their gifts

- ☐ Special Education programs in place to serve students with special needs
- ☐ Available financial aid and support
- ☐ Affordable tuition for an amazing educational opportunities

Come and learn more by scheduling a tour. Call 631.878.1033 or e-mail to derlanger@olqany.org. There are a limited number of spaces available in many of our classes.



Come and discover the OLQA difference at the Catholic School in Center Moriches.

FAQs About SJE!

How do I register?

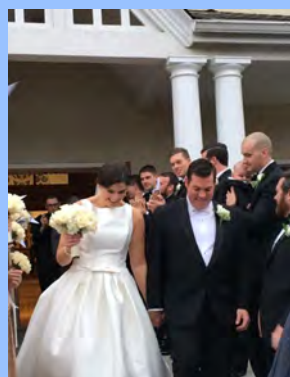
So many people who come to St. John's often wonder why it's important to register. By registering in a parish:

- You make a formal commitment to this community of faith....basically saying, "I want to belong..."
- This parish makes a formal commitment to you, basically saying, "We want to be here for you!"
- You will be better informed about all that is happening here at SJE, basically saying, "Get involved...we need you!!!"

*Please note: Beginning with the 2017 year, we will only be able to produce tax forms for those who are formally registered and use envelopes (or, eventually, electronic giving).

To register, contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to rectory@sjecm.org to make an appointment with a member of our Pastoral Team. You will no longer be able to register by coming into the office without making an appointment.

We're getting married!



We love to celebrate weddings at SJE! If you have plans to get married, contact St. John's ASAP to meet with one of our priests. At this meeting, you can

- Select a date
- Learn about Marriage Preparation, i.e. Pre-Cana
- Find out why marriage makes a difference and much more!

To make an appointment, contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to rectory@sjecm.org. If you would like a particular priest to preside at your wedding, it might best to contact him using the e-mail addresses on the front cover of the bulletin.



I want to get my child baptized!!!

How great is this!!! What a wonderful celebration for our parish when parents bring their child to Church to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism.

First, contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or via e-mail at rectory@sjecm.org to meet with one of our parish priests or deacon. Both parents will need to attend this meeting.

Second, you will attend a Baptismal Preparation Class led by our parish staff. You will sign up for this class at the meeting with one of our parish's priests or deacon.

Third, Baptisms are generally celebrated in English on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays and in Spanish on the 2nd Sunday of each month. You will select this date at your initial meeting.

Now about my funeral.....

Well we're not looking to plan that any time soon, but we can always use help with our Ministry of Consolation!!! This ministry reaches out in a variety of ways to those who have recently faced the death of someone they love. The wonderful women and men who offer their time in this ministry—as well as our office staff—do a wonderful job in ministering to those in need.

We are in need of more help as we seek to grow the Ministry of Consolation. We are in need of parishioners to come forward as:

Liturgical Ministers (Greeters, Servers, Extraordinary Ministers and Readers),

Cakebakers (willing to make a small dessert for a family who has suffered a loss),

Worship Aid Makers (able to update our Mass program for each funeral, involves light computer and possibly copier use),

Organizers (able to assign tasks to those who have offered their time), and

Companions (meeting with a family who has suffered a loss to assist with choosing readings, hymns, etc. and being present on the day of the funeral)

If you're able to help or want to find out more information, contact Fr. John at jsureau@sjecm.org.

PARISH LIFE

NEW 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. This year, we have expanded our Office Hours to include weekend hours. We are now open on Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. See this as another opportunity to take care of any necessary business and to allow us to help you in away we can.

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 27th, please note the change in office hours for

Monday, December 25, 2017

-All offices are closed.

Wednesday, December 27, 2017 – 9 a.m. to 12

Noon. All offices will close in observance of the Feast of St. John the Evangelist.

Monday, January 1, 2018 –

All offices are closed.



Regular offices remain for all other days.

PRAYING FOR AND

MINISTERING TO THE SICK

But when someone is sick, we at times think: "let's call for the priest to come"; "no, then he will bring bad luck, let's not call him", or "he will scare the sick person". Why do we think this? Because the idea is floating about that the undertakers arrive after the priest. And this is not true. The priest comes to help the sick or elderly person; that is why the priest's visit to the sick is so important; we ought to call the priest to the sick person's side and say: "come, give him the anointing, bless him".

-Pope Francis

As Catholics, we are called to pray for and minister to the sick and the ill. At St. John's, it one of the ways we bring the Light of Christ to those in need.

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.

If you or a family member are ill and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office. One of our parish priests will come visit you and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Community will then visit each week.

We pray for the sick and the homebound at Mass each week. To add your name or the name of a loved one, please contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to rectory@sjecm.org.



SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

Many have commented positively about some of the new features of our parish bulletin.

Did you know that St. John the Evangelist bulletin is printed free of charge each week? Not only that, our parish receives a part of the advertising commission. **So please frequent the fine establishments that advertise in our bulletin!**



If your business could use a shot in the arm, consider advertising in the bulletin. Each weekend, the nearly 1,400 people who attend Mass at St. John the Evangelist—most of whom live and shop in the Moriches, Mastic, Shirley, Eastport, Speonk and Remsenberg area—receive or view our bulletin online. It's an easy way to reach thousands of area families with information about your business.

For more information on how to advertise in our bulletin, call The Church Bulletin Company at 631-249-4994.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

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Helen Williams—hannah51@optonline.net

Communion to the Homebound: Paul Clores—pclores@sjecm.org

Community Meal: Alex Finta

Homeless Outreach: Alex Finta

Respect Life Group: Maria Sikora—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!

NEW LOCATION

Our Parish Social Ministry offices are now located on the 2nd floor of The Barn. Enter through the yellow door facing the playground. You will be greeted by our welcome volunteers and they will assist you with whatever is needed.

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

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:

- **Jackets**
- **Long Johns L/XL (men'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**



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.

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

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Parish Social Ministry Memorial Cards NOW AVAILABLE

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

To obtain a parish social ministry memorial card, visit the Rectory Office during regular hours or Parish Outreach from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, contact Sister Ann in the Parish Social Ministry Office.

Join the Catholic Action Network



The Catholic Action Network, the official voice of the Catholic Church in our state, was formed by the Catholic Bishops of New York. The Catholic Action Network website is a powerful tool that is designed to educate and inform us on issues concerning important topics such as Religious

Freedom, Respect Life issues, Marriage and Family, Human Services, Criminal Services and Healthcare.

All parishioners should visit this website and sign up to receive important alerts and reminders about writing letters and sending information to local legislative leaders. It is very simple.

1. Go to www.nyscatholic.org.
2. Click on the "take action" tab at the top.
3. Then, click on "Join the Catholic Action Network" and follow the prompts from there.

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!

Check it out...New and Improved

SJE Thrift Shop
Open Wednesdays
9:30—12:30 P.M.



Special thanks to our amazing volunteers for helping to make this happen!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Michael Clauberg + mclauberg@sjecm.org

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

Boy Scouts: Pat Hahn TroopPack800@aol.com

Cub Scouts: Michael Hayes + cubscoutpack0800@gmail.com

EDGE (Middle School Youth Ministry): youth@sjecm.org

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

SJE Service Corps: Fr. John Sureau + jsureau@sjecm.org

Young Adult Ministry: 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!



ST. JOHN'S YOUTH MINISTRY

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

What: A FUN

SOCIAL NIGHT (Basketball & Volleyball)

Great people! Great Food! Great Faith!

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

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

Why: WHY NOT?

CONTACT INFORMATION

CALL: 631-878-0009 Ext. 5

Facebook: StJohnLifeteen

Twitter: SJECMYOUTH@StJohnsNY

E-Mail: Mclauberg@sjecm.org

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Snapchat: SJE CMYOUTH

Mike Clauberg | ST. JOHN YOUTH MINISTRY | 25 OCEAN AVE. | CENTER MORICHES, NY 11934



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

If you want more information you can

Contact Mike

@ 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 (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.

FAITH FORMATION

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 170 + Website: sjecm.org + Facebook: StJohn FaithFormation

Email: faithformation@sjecm.org / mpirraglia@sjecm.org

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

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS! **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)

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

GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

Fr. Michael Plona, who came to St. John's after being ordained a priest this past June, is visiting our Level 3, 4, 5 & 6 students throughout the academic year!



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. 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.

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 or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.

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 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.

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 – 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

MUSIC MINISTRY

Andrew McKeon + music@sjecm.org

Director of Music Ministries

Sister Ann Berendes IHM + aberendes@sjecm.org

Tess Austin + tessaustin1624@gmail.com

Stephanie Lengyel + slengyel@gmail.com

This Week's Music

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Entrance Hymn

BB #38, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Preparation Hymn

BB #40, On Jordan's Bank

Communion Hymn

BB #75, Bread of Life

Recessional Hymn

BB #43, People, Look East

Christmas Eve Masses

Entrance Hymn

BB #93, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Glory to God

Christmas Gloria # 76 in BB

Preparation Hymn

BB #83, O Come, All Ye Faithful

Communion Hymn

BB #100, #90, #88

Recessional Hymn BB #81,
Angels We Have Heard On High

Christmas Day Masses

Entrance Hymn

BB #83, O Come All Ye Faithful

Glory to God

Christmas Gloria # 76 in BB

Preparation Hymn

BB #81, Angels We Have Heard
On High

Communion Hymns

BB #100, #90, #78

Recessional Hymn

BB #93, Hark! The Herald Angels
Sing

PRAYING FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER

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. 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

Jennie DeLustro

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

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.



PREPARING FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Note:

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

Monday, December 25, 2017

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
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Tuesday, December 26, 2017

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
9:30 a.m.	Scripture Study	RBMR
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Divine Will Prayer Group	Seton Chapel
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR

Wednesday, December 27, 2017

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
9:00 a.m.	Thrift Shop Open	Thrift Shop
5:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Troop 800 Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts	Cafeteria
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Middle School Nights	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Heroin Anonymous	RBMR

Thursday, December 28, 2017

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

Friday, December 29, 2017

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	RBMR

Saturday, December 30, 2017

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
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Sunday, December 31, 2017

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 25, 2017

The Nativity of the Lord

7:30 a.m.	Those Remembered in Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
9:00a.m.	Those Remembered in Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
10:30a.m	Those Remembered in Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
12 Noon	Those Remembered in Christmas Spiritual Bouquet

Tuesday, December 26, 2017

St. Stephen, The First Martyr

7:00 a.m.	Brendan James Charlebois
12 Noon	Helen and James Keane

Wednesday, December 27, 2017

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

7:00 a.m.	Rosemarie Vigliotta
12 Noon	People of the Parish

Thursday, December 28, 2017

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

7:00 a.m.	Sharon Rueter
12 Noon	Fr. Hugh Cannon

Friday, December 29, 2017

Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas
 St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

7:00 a.m.	Louis Cordiero
12 Noon	Anthony and Irene Bracco

Saturday, December 30, 2017

Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

8:00 a.m.	Harry Conn
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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Mass of Anticipation

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

Sunday

7:30 a.m.	John and Ida Parcich
9:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30a.m	Roger A. Titmus
12 Noon	Jerome F. OBrien
5:30 p.m.	Frances Gencarelli

