



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

GOD IS WITH US



Christmas 2019

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Luke 2:14



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(in the Blue House)

Monday – Thursday

9:30 a.m. – 12 + 1 – 8 p.m.

Friday and Saturday

9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

Come and pray with us!

SUNDAY MASS

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

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m. and 12 Noon, Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

Come and know God's mercy!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated **every day after Daily Mass** in the church. The sacrament is also celebrated in the church on Saturdays from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. and from 7:00 to 7:15 p.m. (Spanish). Confessions are also heard on Sundays from 5:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Come to the quiet!

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

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

Come and spend some time with the Lord!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in Seton Chapel on

Mondays from 3:00 p.m. - 9 p.m. and

Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Come and know God's healing of the sick!

Please contact the Rectory (631.878.0009) for a priest to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick with the seriously ill or those preparing for surgery. Please also let us know if a loved one is sick so we can pray for them at Mass and list their name in the bulletin.

Come pray the Liturgy of the Hours

We pray the Liturgy of the Hours.

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

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

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

Come to know Mary, Our Lady Queen of Apostles

ROSARY: We pray the Rosary every day after Daily Mass in

Our Lady's Chapel in the church building.

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Working Through Darkness

FINDING CHRISTMAS

Dear Parish Family:

Merry Christmas!

Truthfully, I am writing this a week and a half before Christmas because of the bulletin deadline!

Once a month, we have the privilege to celebrate Mass at IGHL (Independent Group Home Living Program). It is a simple celebration which takes place in the Cafeteria. Its simplicity, I believe, allows the sacred to shine even brighter. Each time I am able to pray there I am in awe of how God works and how God is revealed through so many people there. You may know about the work of IGHL and other agencies like it. Their mission is to “to develop and implement innovative programs, services and supports for people with intellectual disabilities, so that they can realize their full potential, and become contributing members of their community.”

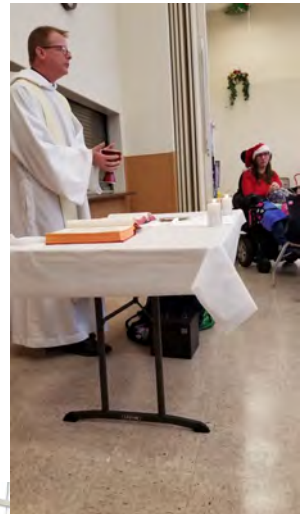
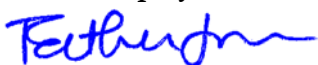
Accompanied by our social work intern Joe Conklin, I journeyed for our Advent/Pre-Christmas Mass. Together, we listened to God's Word, shared the eucharist, and encouraged one another with a little bit of the spirit of Christmas. I also tried out my Christmas homily. (They had numerous suggestions about what I needed to do better. I hope their advice pays off!) After Mass—and even a few times during it—they shared their hope for Jesus' coming. Their concert is tomorrow and plans are being made with family members and friends. I heard all about it. It was refreshing to hear.

Maybe you're like me? Christmas can be a challenge some times, especially over the past few years. Caught up in finding the darkness of winter tough or the darkness of some aspect of my life overwhelming, or the craziness of these days, it can be hard to find the real Christmas spirit. I think especially of those mourning the loss of someone they love this Christmas or who are celebrating Christmas in a place or situation – physical or spiritual—they did not expect to find themselves. It is not always “the most wonderful time of the year”.

The excitement and the awareness of the coming of Christ in those I prayed with today woke me up. (It might have been our singing at Mass too. I was told I was probably not good enough to be in the Christmas concert :).) I guess sometimes I make it all too complicated. We celebrate Christmas to remember that the Light of Christ shatters the darkness of our lives. A baby breaking in is about much more than manager. It is about a change in life's meaning for “today a Savior has been born to us”, especially if things are pretty tough for you or me. My friends at IGHL get it. By their example they told me, “Keep it simple, Fr. John. Jesus enters the world for you and me. We're going to be OK.”

I hope you can come through this Christmas enlightened and excited. For God sent his only Son for you! He loves us so much that he would have it no other way. Now, it is up to you and to me to respond! Do we stay in the darkness or the apathy or the lack of caring or the selfishness? I hope not. Let love God and show that by loving our neighbor. Let's follow the message of Jesus, “As I have done, so you must also do” (John 13:15). Please take some time with this bulletin. There is a lot here for you to consider and possibly to share. Many have worked on this so you might consider the ways God is inviting you to respond.

I hope you know you have a place here at SJE! We are happy you are praying with us. So is Jesus!



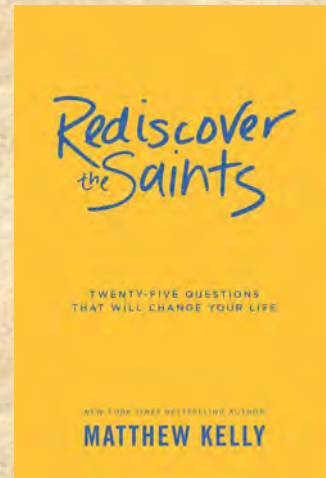
WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

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

**COME TO SJE FOR
CHRISTMAS!**



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

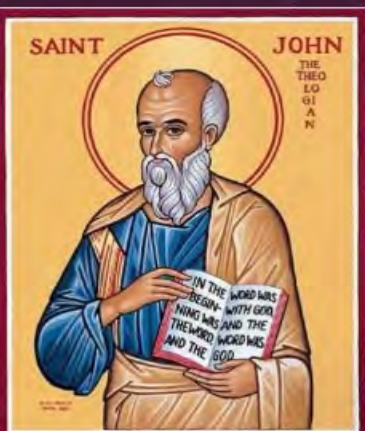


Come celebrate the feast of our patron saint.

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.

"and the Word became flesh and
made His dwelling among us,
and we saw His glory, the glory
of the Father's only Son, full of
grace and truth"
John 1:14

A classical painting of the Nativity scene. The Virgin Mary, in a red robe with a blue mantle, is shown from the chest up, looking down at the infant Jesus. The infant Jesus lies on a white cloth over a manger, looking up towards the right. To the right, Joseph, with a long beard and a blue robe, is partially visible, looking down at the child. The background is dark and indistinct.

Merry Christmas

from all of us at

Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic School

open house 2020:

Sunday, Jan 26: 10am-12pm
Thursday, Jan 30: 6pm-7:30pm



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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.



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 or 631-878-0009 ext. 119.)

Ernie's Place

St. John's Food Pantry Ministry
Mondays – 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Thursdays – 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

SHOPPING LIST

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

Cut out this list and
bring it with you
when you go
shopping!



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Street Ministry—Clothes Sorting

By Antonia Flaherty

Before you read about us, it is important to say that this ministry works very hard but you would never know it because the ladies in this group are always laughing! **We need more hands- and you men out there- you are needed too!**

The donations crew works behind the scenes in the Red Barn several days a week generally **during the day though we get together at night some times too.** Some volunteers come every week, some once in a while, and all come whenever they can. Although they usually meet together as a group on Thursdays from 1-3, Friday mornings, and another day as available, many also come individually whenever they have free time. The donation volunteers do several different activities including sorting through donation bags, folding and labeling clothing items, putting together wash and shave kits, and filling crates that are taken out every Thursday night by other volunteers. Throughout the year they also help collect items for outside organizations (like summer clothes for children sponsored to go to summer camp or dresses for young girls going to a formal dance), organize the advent tree donations, create Christmas gift bags for local women's and men's shelters and even collect damaged blankets for animal shelters.

If you think your talents can be shared to help with any of these activities, we need you! If you are just curious or would like to see what we do in the donation section of the Street Ministry, or think you would like to help with one (or two or more) of these activities, come to the barn and laugh with us! Feel free to email aflaherty1@optonline.net directly for more information or to get a tour!



By Aimee Mattiolo

Would you like to be more involved in the St. John's community, but not sure you can commit to once a week, or even once a month? Then **the Community Meal Ministry** is the perfect ministry for you!

Once a month we gather at the Red Barn, each member bringing an item they prepared to the table. We give a theme each month, such as Christmas

Dinner or Backyard BBQ, provide a sign up with suggestions, and volunteers sign up to bring food items, supplies or help.

We need everything – vegetables, salads, fruit, drinks, breads, hot entrees, starches, desserts- and if you're not a great cook then we need your hands to serve or drop supplies like napkins, plates, and flatware. **There is a role for everyone!** The goal is to provide a hot meal, prepared with love, served with kindness and a warm welcome to anyone that attends. And you don't have to sign up each month. You sign up when you can commit, whether it's once a month or twice a year.

Our guests are members of the community who enjoy company, members of the community we serve through Parish Social Ministry, and individuals starting a new life. Guests of all ages are welcome!

Email Aimee Mattiolo at healthful4ever@gmail.com with the subject line "Community Meal" to be added to the ministry email.



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

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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.

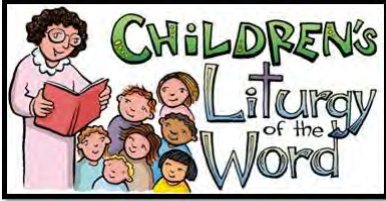
Jesus did not worry about his choice of friends. He chose fishermen to be his leaders, he associated with all kinds of sinners to show them how they can change. His breadth of relationships was endless. How about us? Do our spiritual practices flow from a loving heart? Does our fasting include things 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 Che, 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.

Come and join us! Get involved! Be a greater part of SJE!



By Deanna Ditta

Christmas is here at St. John's and what could be better! Our parish brings so much joy to us all year long but Christmas is completely magical here! Just take a look around!

Such an exciting time but let's be honest, this season can be a little overwhelming. Christmas spirit can easily get lost in all the hustle and bustle. However, one thing is for sure, Children NEVER lose their Christmas spirit! Jesus said "Let The Little Children Come To Me" and this may be His way of helping us keep our Christmas spirit all year long.

As you may know, **The Children's Liturgy of The Word** has been thriving here at St. John's! What started almost a year ago has quickly become a fast growing and rewarding ministry for all involved. The children learn the order of Mass and hear the Gospel message on their level. Not only does this ministry benefit the children, it also benefits the parents. It gives adults their own time to focus on the Gospel message. Maybe this is an opportunity for you and your family to grow deeper in faith.

There are so many reasons to get involved at St. John The Evangelist. The Children's Liturgy is always welcoming volunteers. If you are interested please email Deana Ditta at CLTW@SJECM.org. Children's Liturgy takes place at the 9:00am Mass and is open to all children ages K-5.



St. Zita Society CHURCH CLEANING CREW!

By Cathy Mahoney

St. John's parish is so fortunate to have a beautiful church in which to worship. The cleaning crew, totaling seven women, meets once a week, usually Thursdays, after 12 p.m. Mass. We are



honored to assist in keeping the entire church shining and bright. Our focus is washing windows, dry mopping floors, dusting pews, vacuuming the entry areas and the church floors, and now and then eliminating wayward Cheerios or Froot Loops :)!

If anyone cares to join our group, feel free to call Father John or stop by the church and speak with us. The only requirement is having Virtus clearance which can assist you in obtaining.

The St. Genesius Guild OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

By Lisa LoBosco

We are a ministry that works to support the rectory staff at St. John's. Volunteering about six hours monthly, we provide office assistance at the Rectory/Parish Office with duties such as answering and redirecting phone calls, connecting people with the appropriate church offices, personnel or the many ministries and activities happening at St. John's. For anyone who is interested in learning what really happens inside a rectory, enjoys interacting with parish workers, parishioners, and especially our priests here at St. John's— this is an awesome ministry to be involved in.



After an early retirement, I was looking for a way to still feel productive, but not take on the full responsibility of even part-time work. As a member of the St Genesius Guild, I am able to contribute my time and talent in an office environment in ways that are simple, social and fun- as we work together to support our priests, each other and our community.

Come and join us! Get involved! Be a greater part of SJE!

Thinking of Becoming an Altar Server or Reader at Mass?

By Colleen Nizza

Masses are brought to life when you are a part of it! If your life is anything like mine, there's sports practices, instrument practices, scouts, schoolwork and so many things that keep us busy day in and day out. But where is that time for us to gather as a family to just sit and spend time listening and praying? That time almost always falls to the bottom of our to-do list. It is important to find and make that time. It is a time that needs to be moved to the top of our to-do list. It's one thing to read and hear about something. It's an entirely other thing to participate in or utilize something. Serving our parish allows so many hands-on experiences, not only for us as adults, but for our children as well.

Altar serving has many benefits. It allows children to become involved in the mass. It allows your child to have a better understanding and appreciation for what is going on during the mass. I'd say those are pretty wonderful benefits, wouldn't you?

Becoming a **reader or lector** is another critical ministry. When you read in mass, you are performing in a ministry that is absolutely essential to the celebration of the Eucharist. In addition, serving at church is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other parishioners, establishing friendships and allowing yourself to be better vested in your faith. Serving at St. John the Evangelist is a not only a way to help our community but a great way of making friends you'll most likely have for a lifetime. For more information about becoming a reader or server, contact Fr. John at jsureau@sjecm.org.



MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

YOU GO TO FUNERALS?? WHO WANTS TO DO THAT??

By Eve O'Brien

WE DO. (Well...you know what we mean!) The Ministry of Consolation assists families at the death of a loved one. One of our members reaches out to the family to become their **contact and companion** at the funeral. She/ he assists them in the preparation for the funeral mass by meeting with the family to describe what to expect on the day of the funeral. We may help select the readings for the mass, suggesting scripture readings that are appropriate to the life of the deceased. The hymns for the funeral mass are also selected. This companion remains in contact for any questions that may arise. This is one way to get involved but there are others because...

...This funeral mass information is sent to a **booklet maker** (who can work from home) who prepares the beautiful worship aid that the congregation uses during the funeral. The companion attends the vigil or wake to offer additional support. One of our **bakers** (who works from home and does not need to go to the funeral) provides something for the family which they are surprised and grateful to receive.

On the day of the funeral, several members (**greeters**) and the companion greet the family at the doors of the church, giving all in attendance the funeral booklet, and assisting them for the duration of the funeral until they leave the church.

Families are very grateful for our support during this time and we are so very grateful that we can be there to assist. It is an extremely rewarding ministry.

We would be delighted to have you become part of our ministry in whatever capacity interests you: baker, booklet maker, greeter and companion are each very rewarding when you see how much the families appreciate our support.



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Totus Tuus Men's Group

By Brian Leavey



The Totus Tuus Men's Group is a prayer group for the men of SJE. We meet once a week on Saturdays at 9 a.m. in the convent building. During our meetings, we have coffee, read the gospel for Sunday and discuss and reflect on it, and discern how its message applies to us. We pray together and discuss how we can live our faith better as men in an increasingly secular world.

We also sponsor/host events at the parish throughout the year.

These events include talks on St. Joseph and the Rosary, St. John's "A Night at the Movies" where we screen short films on the Holy Spirit, Holy Smokes (cigars) night in the summer, and our annual Men's Day retreat that we hold in early December.

Our meetings are open to all and we invite any man who is looking for fellowship and brotherhood on their journey of faith to come join us Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. in the convent.

THE LEGION OF MARY— Our Lady of Hope Praesidium

By Judy Paulsen

The Legion of Mary is a ministry which undertakes apostolic work to give Christ to the world through the love of Mary. Members become instruments of the Holy Spirit through a balanced program of prayer and volunteer work, which includes visits to the sick and aged, religious education, prison ministry, community outreach, communion to the homebound and more. Many good intentions are brought to fruition through Legion membership. The Legion of Mary has been approved and acclaimed by the last six Popes: *"You are a movement of lay people who propose to make faith the aspiration of your life up to the achievement of personal sanctity."* - Pope Saint John Paul II



The Legion meets weekly and welcomes you to join in praying the rosary, spiritual readings and discussing service to our neighbors. Some of our active members are pictured above with our Spiritual Director, Father Felix, and Our Mother, Mary. Come join us in giving glory to God by spreading the love of Jesus with Our Lady's help. Please call Judy Paulsen at 631-878-5872 or Christine Capiello at 631-757-9834.

Academic Learning Center

By Kathleen Creamer

The Academic Learning Center is a ministry that supports the academic efforts of the administration and teachers at Our Lady Queen of the Apostles School.

During the 2018-2019 school year several volunteers met once a week after school with students in Grades 1-8 to assist with homework and also offered remedial work in the areas of Language Arts and Math. Each week the children looked forward to our sessions and benefited from the extra help. We are hoping to continue this ministry with the help of retired educators and interested college and high school volunteers.



EAST END HOLY HOUR

ADORATION, CONFESSION,
21+ SOCIAL AND A FIRE PIT

DATES FOR 2020

JANUARY 9

FEBRUARY 13

MARCH 12

APRIL 6

MAY 14

JUNE 11

JULY 9

AUGUST 13

SEPTEMBER 10

OCTOBER 8

NOVEMBER 12

DECEMBER 10

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

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST R.C. CHURCH
25 OCEAN AVE.
CENTER MORICHES, NY 11934

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The Art & Environment Ministry

By Claire Dern

This ministry serves SJE by decorating for each Liturgical season. Using flowers, plants, linens, fabric and other elements, we assist in making the church and Seton's chapel a prayerful place throughout the year. E-mail Claire Dern—cdern@olqany.org for more information.



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.)



December 25, 2019

Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School
The Catholic School in Center Moriches

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OLQA Annual
Super Bowl Pre-Game Party
Chinese Auction
Saturday, January 25, 2020
OLQA School Gymnasium
6 p.m.—9 p.m.

Advanced Tickets required

\$25 per person includes
admission to Chinese Auction,
Buffet, DJ and Dancing!

21 & Over

Beer & Wine-Cash Bar



*To get tickets or for more
information contact 631.878.1033
or e-mail
chineseauction@olqany.org*

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

—THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRESENT—

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

BINGO NIGHT



Every Friday

Returning January 3rd!

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

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

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.

Mercy Sundays



Every fourth Sunday of the month Family Life Ministry puts mercy into action.

We hope that you will join us!

Call the parish office at 631-878-0009 or email mplona@sjecm.org to find out more.

FAITH FORMATION

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext 5 + Website: sjecm.org + Facebook: StJohn FaithFormation

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

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

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.

Our Office Hours during the holiday season are as follows:

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

Normal Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday, 11AM-12Noon & 1PM-4:30PM

We are located in the Red Barn (Upstairs)

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...

- Thank you to our catechists, priests, volunteers and parish staff who've helped serve the nearly 1,300 students in our Faith Formation program this past year!
- Our program begins when children enter 1st Grade. Registration for the 2020-21 Academic Year will run from June-August 2020—check the bulletin for future info!
- We're always looking for more volunteers to mentor our young people! If you are interested, please contact Michelle Pirraglia, director of Faith Formation, at 631-878-0009 or via email at mpirraglia@sjecm.org.
- We also have a Vacation Bible Camp for one week in the month of July! See our social media and the parish bulletin for more info!



3rd Annual SJE SPIRIT DAY + September 8, 2019 + Thank you!

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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

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

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.



BRINGING UP THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE

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

Want to become Catholic? Take the plunge!

SJE has a great initiation process led by a committed group of parishioners. We are actively seeking to form a new group of inquirers (those thinking about becoming Catholic). Do you or someone you know want more information about getting baptized or joining the Catholic Church from another Christian faith?

We're ready! How about you?

For more information, contact Fr. John, our pastor, at jsureau@sjecm.org or call the Parish Office.

Want to get confirmed? Get sealed!

Group meeting begin this Lent! For more information, contact Fr. Michael at mplona@sjecm.org or call the Parish Office.

Comunidad Hispano de San Juan Evangelista, Center Moriches

MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

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

Teléfono: 1-631.878.0009

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

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

Confesiones: Sábado - 7 PM en la Iglesia

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

Favor de traer el certificado de nacimiento del niño dos meses antes del bautismo.

Requisitos:

1. Certificado de nacimiento del niño o/de la niña.
2. Certificado de inscripción de su Parroquia (padres y padrinos)
3. Los padres deben traer estos documentos a la oficina de San Juan para fijar las fechas de charla pre-bautismal (OBLIGATORIA para padres y padrinos) y la fecha del Bautismo.

Matrimonios:

Parejas que planean su matrimonio, deben hacer una cita con uno de los sacerdotes antes de su boda. De este modo tendrán suficiente tiempo para recibir las instrucciones prematrimoniales y obtener los documentos necesarios. Para más información llame al oficina.

Exposición del Santísimo (adoración): Jueves, 12:00PM - 8:00PM

Renovación Carismática: Viernes 7:00 pm en el granero (la casa roja).

R.I.C.A (Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos):
Padre Michael 1-631.878.0009

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



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

MUSIC MINISTRIES @ SJE

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

Hymns for this week:

#520 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #521 - O Come All Ye Faithful
#524 Angels We Have Heard on High #518 - Joy to the World

I would like to begin the *Friends of Music* here at St. John the Evangelist beginning this Fall. We are already busy preparing for a year of music and another wonderful season here at St. John the Evangelist. I am continually amazed at the dedication and talent of so many people from our parish who come together to make beautiful music for the praise and glory of God; we are indeed richly blessed. With the generosity of our patrons in the *Friends of Music*, we will be able to offer even more beautiful music for our liturgies, concerts, and special programs throughout the year.

Contributions will be used to directly support the music program at St. John the Evangelist including Advent Lessons and Carols, concerts, additional brass, woodwind, and string instruments for special liturgies for Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost. Acknowledgments will be made in programs for our concerts and special musical offerings throughout the year as well as in our parish bulletin.

Contributions can be given at any of the following levels:

- ♦ St. Cecilia (\$350 or more) ♦ Schola Cantorum (\$200 to \$349)
- ♦ Cantor's Circle (\$100 to \$199) ♦ Psalmist's Platform (\$50 to \$99)
- ♦ Chorister's Guild (\$25 to \$49) ♦ Angelic Chorus (up to \$24)

Please consider being a part of our music history at SJE! God bless you in advance for your generosity, and support.

SJE FRIENDS OF MUSIC 2019-2020

I wish to support the *Friends of Music* by making a donation of \$_____

(please make checks payable to St John The Evangelist)

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone#: _____

This donation is:

- ☐ In memory of _____
- ☐ In honor of _____
- ☐ Anonymous

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!



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.

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 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. 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.

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.

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.

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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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 Remember ...

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

We Pray...

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

Patricia Foley, Brianna Pecoraro, Carmelo Maisonet

Dennis Munson, Marilyn Stein, Julianna Gales, Daniel DeRienzis

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.

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 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 27th, please note the change in office hours for

Tuesday, December 24, 2019 - All offices closed.

Wednesday, December 25, 2019—All office 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.

PREPARING FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

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

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

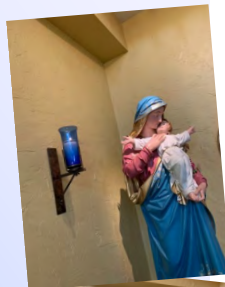
9:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	Seton Chapel
5:00 p.m.	OLQA Reunion	Auditorium
5:45 p.m.	Spanish Youth Group	RBMR

Sunday, December 29, 2019

4:00 p.m.	Mass Band Rehearsal	Church
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Light the Way of the Saints

You may have noticed that the candles have been re-installed next to the statues of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Teresa, St. Gerard Majella and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. They bring a certain light to the statues and, hopefully, inspire some deeper times of prayer and reflection.



We can use some support in keeping those candles lit. We invite parishioners to make an offering for a candle, perhaps near a particular saint of significance for you. Reference of the offering will be included in the bulletin where we acknowledge offerings of bread and wine



To make an offering, visit or contact the Parish Office.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!
Our Lady Queen of Apostles, pray for us!
St. Joseph, pray for us!
St. Therese Liseux, pray for us!
St. Gerard Majella, pray for us!

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

Sacred Heart Candle—Week of 12/22

In Loving Memory of Rudy Giaccaglia

Altar bread and wine for the month of December has been donated: In loving memory of Helen Langone.

Bishop Barres' Christmas Letter

Go to www.sjecm.org to read Bishop Barres' Christmas message in English or Spanish.

