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Regional Catholic School

(on the campus of

SJE)

2 St. John Place

Center Moriches, NY

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(in the Blue House)

Monday – Thursday

9:30 a.m. – 12 + 1 – 8 p.m.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church

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“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay.”

Luke 21:25

First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018

Come to the quiet!

The church building is open from 6:30 a.m. to approximately 7 p.m., if not later, each night. 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 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, 5:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

Seton Chapel: Tuesday: 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)

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 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 4:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on

Thursdays from 1:00 pm. until 5:00 p.m.

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 the 7 a.m. Mass in the church building and at 7:30 p.m. in Seton Chapel in the Convent on most Mondays, with the exception of holidays and whenever the parish is closed.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

A holy day of obligation

Masses

Friday, December 7th (*Vigil*) –

5 p.m. + 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 8th –

8:00 a.m. + 12 Noon



In observance of the holy day, all parish offices will be closed.

Please note Saturday evening Masses are celebrations of the Second Sunday of Advent, not the holy day of obligation.

ADVENT 2018

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.

Then the Scripture, **Isaiah 9:** (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or **Isaiah 63** (lines 16-17 & 19) or **Isaiah 64** (lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God,

we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:

he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,

he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,

he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God,

let your blessing come upon us

as we light the candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light

be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from
"O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel":

O come, desire of
nations, bind
in one the hearts of
humankind;
bid ev'ry sad
division cease
and be thyself our Prince of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

—From *Catholic Household Blessings*- "<http://store.usccb.org/catholic-household-blessings-and-prayers-p/5-645.htm>"

Then, a member of the family lights the first Advent candle.
Another member of the family says following prayer:



First Week

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever. ~AMEN.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Lord Our Justice

JOIN THE SOCIETY

Dear Parish Family:

Since I began my assignment here at SJE two and half years ago (Who just said, "Oh my goodness, it's only been two and a half years? It feels like an eternity.") I have been overwhelmed by the tremendous work of outreach that takes place here. I'm sure you are too. Built on an amazing foundation of volunteers and leaders, those who are in need know they have a place here at SJE. From Ernie's Place to the Thrift Shop to the Outreach Office and to newer endeavors like the Street Ministry and Community Meal, we are always growing in our ways to serve God's people.



A few months ago, members of local conferences of St. Vincent de Paul spoke at all of our Masses about beginning a conference here. Conferences are present in many parishes throughout Long Island. In some parishes, like my last assignment, St. Vincent de Paul was the Parish Outreach. It did it all. In other parishes, the conference of St. Vincent de Paul assists the larger parish social ministry with a specific aspect or area of the work. That is our intention here. A conference of St. Vincent de Paul is not replacing anyone or any thing in our present outreach effort.

It is our hope that at its outset St. John's conference of St. Vincent de Paul will work on setting up a comprehensive furniture exchange and also assist with home visitations. This work will be yet another way for us to better serve the poor and vulnerable among us and hopefully be even more effective in helping those in our local community restore their lives.

You might be saying, "Why bother, Fr. John? We already have a great outreach program." You're right! St. Vincent de Paul offers something different for those who join. In addition to the work of Outreach, volunteers who are part of St. Vincent de Paul enter into a process of formation in Vincentian spirituality. They come to know about the work of St. Vincent de Paul, the Vincentian charism and how this legacy impacts ministry. Meetings of a St. Vincent de Paul Conference begin any work together in prayer and reflection centered on this charism. It is from there they begin their specific discussion of work and ministry. Those who have already volunteered are beginning this process of formation.

So our hope with this new endeavor in Parish Social Ministry is off to a good beginning and now we're ready to expand in the weeks ahead. **The next meeting of the conference here will be on Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Meeting Room of the Red Barn.** If you would like to grow deeper in your faith and help us to establish even greater outreach to those in need, I hope you will come. If you cannot make it, contact Alex Finta our Director of Parish Social Ministry so we can make sure you have the latest information.

Tomorrow, I will celebrate my seventh anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. I think not only of St. Vincent de Paul but also St. Francis Xavier. St. Francis Xavier sought to bring the Gospel to missionary lands seeking to bring so many to Christ. I have been blessed in many ways over these years to be used as a pretty unworthy instrument trying to do the best I can to do the same. I have found as both offerer and recipient that the moments of vulnerability are the moments where that encounter of most meaning happens. St. Francis Xavier knew that. St. Vincent de Paul knew that. Let's pray that together we can use this time to more powerfully bring those in need to that same encounter.

St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us! St. Francis Xavier, pray for us!

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

Family Life Ministry

Upcoming Mercy Sunday Events:

December 9th: Collecting items for Stony Brook Pediatric Hospital.

- * coloring books
- * crayons
- * sketch pads
- * adult coloring books
- * colored pencils
- * regular playing cards
- * gaming cards (Goldfish, Old Maid, Crazy 8s, etc)



Help us create "goodie bags" for the children in the Stony Brook Pediatric Dept. this holiday season. If you can't make it December 9th, you may leave donations in the Parish Office, clearly labeled, FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY.

In addition, we are seeking help for a wine and stitch night! Help us create costumes for the children to wear during the Children's Service. More info to follow in upcoming Bulletins.

Does your child want to be a part of our Christmas Children's Service? Contact Linda Filosa 631-559-7227 or lindalos3@optonline.net

What is the Family Life Ministry? How Can I Join?

The Family Life Ministry at St. John the Evangelist seeks to connect families within our parish through fun, thoughtful service opportunities. Calling to mind that we can do no great things, only small things with great love, we hope to find the joy in serving others through coming together. Through our service we seek to strengthen our sense of belonging to our parish, helping us to come to know those around us by name. We believe in the great power of our families and we call to mind the words of Pope Francis that, "Families transform the world and history."

**-The Knights of Columbus
Present-**




BINGO NIGHT

Every Friday

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



\$2000 IN PRIZES!



Please join us for our

Lessons & Carols

"A prophetic call to Christmas"

Wednesday Dec. 5th, at
7pm In The Church

Featuring the Choirs of The
SJE Music Ministry

Fellowship to follow in the Narthex of the Church

PosterWall.com

St. John The Evangelist Presents

THE MESSIAH

With The Choral Society of
the Moriches and Orchestra

Friday, December 14th

at 7pm

In The Church

Tickets available at the door or in advance



WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE



CONTACT FR.
MICHAEL TO
SEE HOW YOU
CAN JOIN THE
ADORATION
TEAM AND HELP
WITH OUR EAST
END HOLY HOURS!
MPLONA@SJECH.ORG
OR CALL 631-878-0009
EXT. 103

**ST. JOHN'S
WANTS YOU FOR
THE A-TEAM!**



ADVENT AND THE NEW LITURGICAL YEAR

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

- We have available editions of *Sunday's Word 2019*. You can pick them up and take them with you. **A free will offering of \$5.00 is requested but not required. You can place your offering in one of the Poor Boxes.** These books contain all of the Sunday readings as well as the psalm and antiphons for Daily Mass. They can be picked up in the Vestry or in the Parish Office.
- We will use a new music setting for Advent and Christmas. The *Mass of Christ our Savior* is familiar to us from our time in the Auditorium last year.
- During the season of Advent, the Gloria is not said or sung. It creates a sense of anticipation. Store up your fervor for the Vigil of Christmas or Christmas Day.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

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.

Monday, December 17, 2018

Advent Day of Reconciliation

Confessions will be heard from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.
In the Church

December 2, 2018

Christmas Decorating at St John's!



Sunday December 16th

@ 1:30

*Meet Outside the
Convent*

*Contact Joe to RSVP and for more details at
jcatafago@sjecm.org or (631)878-0009x113.*

Hot Chocolate and Donuts will be provided!

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

SJE Academic Learning Center

**For OLQA students presently
and opening to all students in 2019**



Our Academic Learning Center is off and running as a place for students to catch up on homework, work with qualified teachers, receive limited tutoring and academic support.

All students are requested to register in advance. You can register at olqany.org or sjecm.org or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.



OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL The Catholic School in Center Moriches

631.878.1033 + www.olqany.org

OLQA Celebrates Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a special time at OLQA. On Thursday, November 15th, OLQA celebrated our annual Thanksgiving Feast. Here students "dress in their best" and celebrate a festive meal thanks to the parents in our Family Unity Network.

In addition, over the past few weeks, OLQA collected over a thousand items for our "Thousand for Thanksgiving" Food Drive and presented those items at our Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, November 21, 2018, celebrated by Fr. Michael Bartholomew, Pastor of Immaculate Conception in Westhampton Beach. Then, they assisted with delivering all of their donations to Ernie's Place, SJE's Food Pantry Ministry.





The Mission Goes Back to College

Students in eighth grade of The Mission – the middle school academy at OLQA - are continuing to work on Project REACH (Research + Excellence + Academics + Catholicism + Hope), a full year research experience. A few months ago, students once again visited St. Joseph's College in Patchogue and worked with the library staff there to develop research questions and narrow down their areas of study. Now students are working with mentors in their fields of study ranging from Deutsche Bank in NYC to Stonybrook University to Center Moriches Veterinary Medicine to many others. This promises to be a challenging and exciting opportunity for our eighth graders.



The Mission Extends to Albania

The work of The Mission – the middle school academy at OLQA – continues beyond our walls. Throughout the season of Advent, students are raising funds to help a family in desperate need in Albania. Visited by Ms. Austin, our Campus Minister this past summer, the needs of this family are daunting. With the help of the students in The Mission this work will be less overwhelming. Students will be selling bracelets in school and also host a screening of *The Human Experience* at Center Moriches High School on December 15th. (See page 13 for more information.). Please consider supporting the work of The Mission. Learn more by contacting Ms. Teresa Austin, Campus Minister at taustin@olqany.org.

Early Childhood at OLQA

The new year sees OLQA welcome new members to our Pre K3 and Prek4 programs. OLQA offers incredible variety from full day everyday to full day on the days that are convenient for you to half days options. Hours range from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with before care and after care options available. It is a great opportunity for working parents especially! Want to learn more, contact Claire Dern at cdern@olqany.org or call 631.878.1033.

This February we will begin a special Mommy and Me program for two year olds. Follow the bulletin for more information!

We want to welcome you to family of families at OLQA.



Our Lady Queen of Apostles



The Catholic School in Center Moriches

Presents

Grassroots Films

THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE



FEATURING

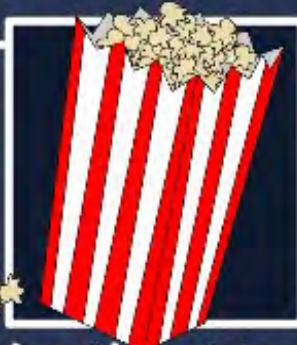


Q&A with filmmaker Michael Campo



All proceeds to support a family in crisis in Fan, Albania.

**Center
Moriches
High School**



Tickets: \$10 in advance
\$12 at the door

Dec. 15 @ 7PM

Contact Tess Austin at taustin@olqany.org
for ticket purchase & details.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

Ministry of Consolation:

Eve O'Brien—eveobrien@optonline.net + Helen Williams—hannah51@optonline.net + Jeri Eten—jeten@optonline.net

Communion to the Homebound: Jerry Malley - jmalley0328@gmail.com

Respect Life Group: Maria Sikora—msikora@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.

SJE STREET MINISTRY



The Street Ministry is continuously serving 60-90 individuals and families every Thursday night, many of which 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:

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 Dollar Store or Walmart so we can obtain these items.

- Baby Wipes
- Diapers size 4&5
- Shaving Cream
- Toothbrushes/paste
- Men's/Women's boots
- Deodorant
- **Men's Underwear-** Size 29/30, 32/34 and 36/38
- **Women's Underwear-** Size 8/10, 12/14 and 16/18

We are also in need of cooks. We have been running out of food due to the high number of guests. If you're interested in cooking a tray of food for the Thursday night run or have any questions, please email Corinne Bernath at bernath52194@optonline.net or Alex Finta at afinta@sjecm.org or 631-878-0009 ext. 119.

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 the Parish Social Ministry Office.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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.

Food Drive– Free Oil Change

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

We try to approach every day with this thought in mind. How can we strive to lead by example? This wasn't one of the easiest years for small business, but that isn't going to change who we are. One of our favorite times of year is Thanksgiving. This is our 8th year of donating turkeys. We were blessed, to be able to donate 80 turkeys to the Ernie's Place food pantry this year. Now, as we enter the Christmas season, we are taking up our annual food drive. This will be our 8th year collecting food for families in need. From December 1st to the 22nd when you bring in \$20 of non-perishable food, you will receive a free oil change and tire rotation. All items will also be donated to our food pantry here at St John's. We ask that you please check all expiration dates, as expired items will not be eligible. Please see our ad on the back of the bulletin. As always, we appreciate your continued support. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and Safe Happy New Year.

The Posanti Family & the staff of Shirley Auto Body.



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 and 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!

Leuthardt's Christmas Tree Farm *This December, all aboard the Candy Apple Express!*



**607 Montauk Highway, East Moriches
631-878-1387**

For a fun and interactive ride, please come and join the Leuthardt Family Farm where the experience is priceless.

The Candy Apple Express is a wagon tour of the nursery, it will run from **the weekends of December 1st & 2nd, 8th & 9th and 15th & 16th.**

Christmas caroling, arts and crafts, hot chocolate, baked goods and a gift shop. Harry Leuthardt Nurseries has chosen to give four charities 10% of every purchase made from LEUTHARDT'S CHRISTMAS TREE FARM. These charities are: DRVC Catholic Charities, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Hope House Ministries and Camp Paquatuck.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Advent Giving Tree

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

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

Please return the donated items UNWRAPPED. We will be running the Advent Giving Tree until the 4th Sunday of Advent. If you have any questions, please reach out to Alex Finta at afinta@sjecm.org or 631-878-0009 ext. 119



Christmas Toy Drive



We need your help. Please bring any new, unwrapped toy for age 1-16 to these two places:

- Church entrances, where the boxes for toys will be set up any time the church is open.
- Outreach offices in the Red Barn, Monday-Thursday 10:00AM-12:00PM, 1:00PM-3:00PM.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

So blessed and humbled to welcome so many guests to our parish. After a beautiful liturgy, we were sent forth to live our the mission we're called to each time we gather for Eucharist.



SENIOR MINISTRY

Sister Ann Berendes, IHM—aberendes@sjecm.org + 631.878.0009, x. 127

Senior Ministry News

The gentle movement class of T'ai Chi Chah will continue on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 in the IHM room of the Convent. In December, Sophia's Circle will meet on the 3rd, Thursday. Movies continue in the IHM room on the 7th and 21st at 1:15. P.m.

ADVENT SENIOR RETREAT DAY

Tuesday, December 4th
10:00 AM– Convent



A morning of prayer and reflection in preparation for Advent.

+ Ends with noon Mass.

+ Light lunch to follow.

Contact Sister Ann (631.878.0009 x 127) if you wish to attend and/or need transportation

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

Gracias Petronila!

La comunidad de San Juan Evangelista quisiera dar las gracias a Petronila, por todo su amor y servicio a la iglesia. Muchas gracias por todo! Vaya con Dios!

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 R. Langone*



Stewardship

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

- Psalm 116:2

Sunday 11/25/18: \$16,579

(2017: \$14,727)

Next week, please make use of the Religious Retirement Fund envelope and/or place your offering in the regular collection.

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.



Mass Book For 2019

THE MASS BOOK FOR 2019 IS OPEN

Those wishing to have a Mass said for a loved one may stop by the rectory.

Available Masses in the upcoming weeks include:

7 a.m. Masses: Dec. 5, 20, 24

Spanish Evening Masses (7:30 p.m.): Dec. 8, 11, 18, 29

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Second Sunday of Advent

Reading I: Baruch 5:1-9

Take off your robe of mourning, put on the splendor of glory.

Responsorial Psalm: PS 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

Second Reading: 1 Philipians 1:4-6, 8-11

He who has begun the good work in you will bring it to completion.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist proclaims a baptism of repentance.

Discussion Questions

1. God gave Jerusalem the name "the Peace of justice, the glory of God's worship." How does this name fit the Church today? If poorly, what would you do to make it fit? What would you like God to name your parish, your community, you?

2. "All flesh shall see the salvation of God." What are the implications for humanity of this saying? Is the entire world included in this plan? What are the implications for you? Do you watch all year round for God's coming? What are some of the ways God comes to you everyday?



Thank you to Tebbens Steel and our Art and Environment Ministry for the blessing and beauty of our new Advent wreath. Our entire spirit of worship should always be leading us heavenward as the Advent readings and prayers reveal. See our Art and Environment Ministry hard at work. Interested in learning more about this great ministry, contact Claire Dern at cdern@olqany.org.



MUSIC MINISTRY

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This Week's Music

Scheduled Hymns for 12/1 and 12/2

Entrance Hymn: #492, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Preparation Hymn: #500, O Come, Devine Messiah

Communion Hymn: #1032, All Who Hunger

Closing Hymn: #501, People, Look East

Adult Choir: Practice Tuesdays @ 7PM

Children's Choir: Practice Tuesdays @ 6PM

5:30 p.m. Mass Band: Practice Sundays @ 4PM



Do you love to sing? We are always looking for members for our choirs from our community. If you have a passion for making music with us at Church, please join us. You can contact one of our directors or reach out to Andrew McKeon at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to music@sjecm.org.

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:

Jaxon Timothy Cahill Driver, Bianca Louise Kentoffio,
Savannah Jean Kentoffio, Justin Michael Maier,
Aubrie Emma Verbar, Jacob Ryan Verbar,
Giavanna Jewel Verbar

We Remember...

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

-Entrance Antiphon, Funeral Mass

Isabel Napoli, Anne M. Carucci

We Pray...

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

Remy Schandel, Jennifer Lynn Peck, Dolly Parent

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

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
PVT Bailey Meyer
SPC Kevin Arpino
PVT Sean Casey

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
PVT Charles O'Connor

US Navy

STGCS Brian Holzmacher
ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr.
E3 Christopher J. Esposito 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

Monday, December 3, 2018

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
4:45 p.m.	FF Classes Levels 3-6	School
6:00 p.m.	Level 7 Class Mass	Church
6:00 p.m.	CYO 6th Grade Boys	Auditorium
6:30 p.m.	Giving Tree Meeting	RBMR
7:00 p.m.	AL-A-TEEN Meeting	RBUR
7:00 p.m.	CYO 8th Grade Girls	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Choral Society Rehearsal	Church
7:15 p.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena	Seton Chapel

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
9:30 a.m.	Bible Study	RBMR
10:00 a.m.	Advent Senior Day of Prayer	Seton Chapel
4:45 p.m.	FF Classes Levels 3-6	School
6:00 p.m.	CYO 4th Grade Girls	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir	Church
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir	Church
7:00 p.m.	CYO 5th Grade Girls	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Divine Will Prayer Group	RBUR
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
9:00 a.m.	Thrift Shop Open	Thrift Shop
6:00 p.m.	CYO SSPP 5th Grade Boys	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 800	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Advent Readings and Carols	Church
7:00 p.m.	CYO SSPP 6th Grade Boys	Auditorium
7:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 800	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	CYO SSPP 7th Grade Boys	Auditorium

Thursday, December 6, 2018

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	RBMR
5PM, 9PM	Street Ministry	Seton Chapel
6:00 p.m.	CYO 5th Grade Boys	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	CYO 6th Grade Boys	Auditorium

Friday, December 7, 2018

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

Saturday, December 8, 2018

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
9:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	Seton Chapel
5:00 p.m.	Spanish Community- Guadalupe	Auditorium

Sunday, December 9, 2018

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
8:00 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (Men's)	RBMR
8:30 a.m.	Family Life Ministry	Seton Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Belonging	RBUR
11:00 a.m.	RCIA	Faculty Room
1:00 p.m.	CYO 5th Grade Girls- Game	Auditorium
2:15 p.m.	CYO 7th Grade Girls- Game	Auditorium
3:30 p.m.	CYO 8th Grade Girls- Game	Auditorium

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 3, 2018
St. Francis Xavier, Priest

7:00 a.m.	Concetta Minichiello
12 Noon	Phillip Daleo

Tuesday, December 4, 2018
Advent Weekday — St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m.	Msgr. William Jablonski
12 Noon	Maria Raffuty
7:30 p.m.	Fr. Santiago Dineros

Wednesday, December 5, 2018
Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Intention Still Available
12 Noon	Louis Ruggiero

Thursday, December 6, 2018
Advent Weekday — St. Nicholas, Bishop

7:00 a.m.	Stanley Osip
12 Noon	John Sureau Sr.

Friday, December 7, 2018
St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m.	Diana Monaco
12 Noon	Christina Scaccia
5:00 p.m.	Joseph Byrne
7:30 p.m.	Msgr. James McDonald

Saturday, December 8, 2018
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m.	Richard Sekulski
12 Noon	Stanley J. Ballerano

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass of Anticipation

5:00 p.m.	Fred Meyer
7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available

Sunday

7:30 a.m.	Stuart Pindell
9:00 a.m.	Joseph Byrne
10:30 a.m.	Jean Kelledy
12:00 p.m.	Ruth and Myron Ramus
5:30 p.m.	People of the Parish