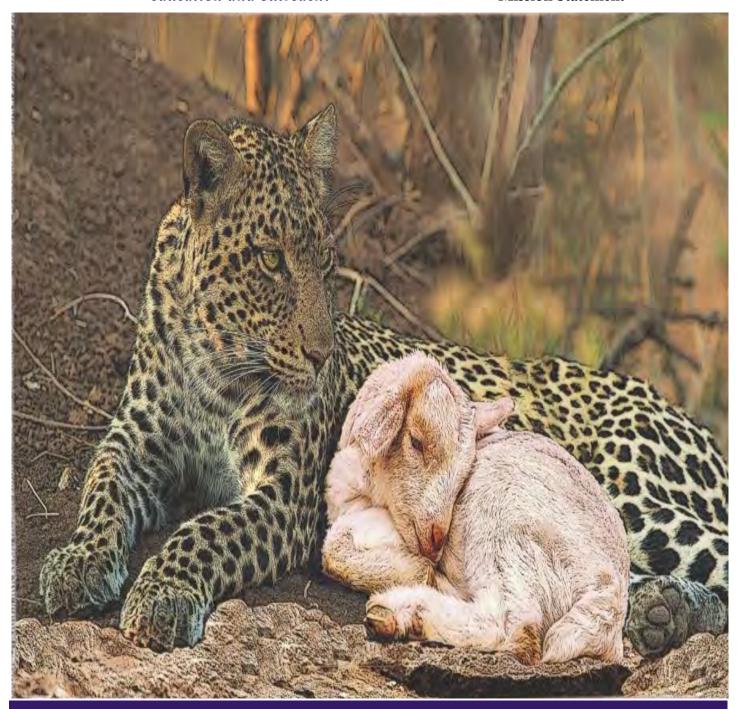


St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church

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



Second Sunday of Advent

And the leopard shall lie down with the kid - Isaiah 11:6



St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(in the Blue House)

Monday - Thursday

9:30 a.m. -12 + 1 - 8 p.m.

Friday and Saturday

9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

Come and pray with us!

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. + 7:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass) Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 Noon, 5:30p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

Come and know God's mercy!

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

Come to the quiet!

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

Come and spend some time with the Lord!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in Seton Chapel on Mondays from 3:00 p.m. - 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Come and know God's healing of the sick!

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

Come pray the Liturgy of the Hours

We pray the Liturgy of the Hours.

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

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

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

Come to know Mary, Our Lady Queen of Apostles

ROSARY: We pray the Rosary every day after Daily Mass in Our Lady's Chapel in the church building.

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Eight Years

Just Crazy

Dear Parish Family:

I write this on the evening of December 3rd. Eight years ago—December 3, 2011— Bishop Murphy ordained me to the priesthood in the Cathedral of St. Agnes. On the morning of the 3rd, a person reached out to me via text. I wrote back to him, "Hey. Became a priest eight years ago. One of the highlights of this great (and crazy) life is coming to know you and your family." The past eight years have been great and, at times, have been pretty crazy.

I think of that word in my preparation for this Sunday's homily. We encounter St. John the Baptist. Descriptions of him probably caused those of his time to say, "He's crazy". When we read about him, it looks like he led a crazy life. Likely he had to take leave of his parents Elizabeth and Zechariah. He had to separate from what was known to go to the unknown. He dressed and ate differently. He called people out where conversion was needed, unafraid of the consequences. Eventually, he called people to Christ. Crazy, right?

In the seminary, I recall reading an article for one of my classes. The class and the author of the article escape me at the moment. The conclusion of the writer was that John the Baptist was a great model for Catholic priests. This is not because he wore camel hair and ate locusts.

Rather, he sought to get out of the way in helping to encounter Jesus Christ. As St. John the Baptist said, "He must increase. But I must decrease" (John 3:30).

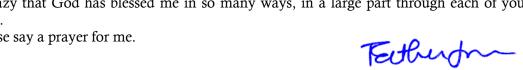
In the midst of this great (and crazy) life, it can be easy to lose that focus. I wonder if that happened to St. John the Baptist at times. We see by their actions that it sometimes happened to the Apostles. Priesthood is not different. It is so easy to make it about me and what I do and how hard I work or how much I have to do. We risk, at times, becoming "gods" to people either by our own doing or by a misplaced focus by others. When we look at some of the roots of the sex abuse scandal, the impact of clericalism, among other factors, is usually present in some capacity. John the Baptist calls us to remember our place, to keep it real.

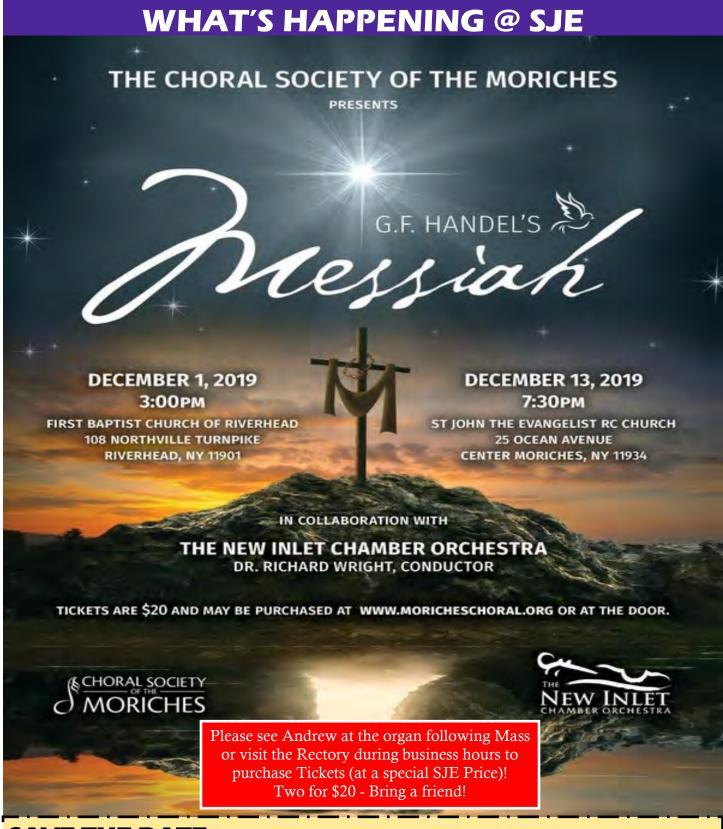
> You know who helps this priest remember his place and keep it real? You. As a priest we are privileged to work with and come to know some of the most amazing pilgrims on this o f life. People 1 i k e iourney vou. Your witness calls me to more. Your example can set me on the right path. Your honesty inspires me to remove all the fakeness I can hide behind. Your courage encourages me to become stronger. Your pain provides an opening for me to fully realize the healing nature of Christ. Your prayer—whether together at eucharist or in your own way—sustains me. Your perspective and at times just and challenging criticism—and family is even better for this—quickly puts me in my place.

> There is no doubt there are crazy days and times in this life. I laugh when I find myself doing thigs that are not always so priestly, like pushing all the garbage down in the dumpster so they'll take the dumpster or arranging animals for a pageant (it's pretty funny when the animal farm owners call me to ask, "Fr. John are you booking again this year?") but these are just the things that come across my path. Actually these two things happened today. I am overwhelmed by the immensity of this life and that is not about a number of jobs or responsibilities. I am awed by the trust people place in me and the way they have allowed me into their lives. It's just crazy—and pretty awesome too!

> In a special way, this parish community has helped me to better know myself as a priest in ways I would never have imagined. From welcoming me here to consoling me after the passing of my dad to rebuilding and restoring the church building to supporting the Catholic School in Center Moriches to putting up with me day in and day out, I have been blessed. You have shown me how to live out this vocation (and how not to!) in ways I never would have imagined. It's just crazy that God has blessed me in so many ways, in a large part through each of you. Thank you.

Please say a prayer for me.





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!

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

ADVENT AND THE NEW LITURGICAL YEAR

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

• As we have done in the past, each week we will offer a different blessing of Church for you (and/or your family) to pray. Please make use of these blessings

SUNDAY'S
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• We have available editions of *Sunday's Word 2020*. 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 picked up in the Vestry or in the Parish Office. (If we are out of them as you read this, more are on the way.) Ideally, please read the Scriptures before coming to Mass and open your ears and hearts while at Mass to hear God's Word.

• During the Sunday Masses of Advent, we will use the Entrance Antiphon from the *Roman Missal*. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* encourages the use of the antiphon each week. It's purpose - and that of the Entrance Hymn—is to "open the celebration, foster the unity of those gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical time or festivity and accompany the procession of the Priest and ministers" (47). We hope to continue this practice in other seasons as well.



- We will use a new music setting for Advent and Christmas—Mass of Our Lady. It will be familiar to you. Pay attention the ways our music changes in this liturgical season. You'll hear some different sounds, some quieter ones, as we prepare for the joyous season of Christmas!
- During the season of Advent (and the season of Lent), 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.
- Look for some opportunities to grow deeper in the dark and quiet times of Advent. Take some quiet time in the Church or Seton Chapel, attend Handel's Messiah, pray for those we will serve in these holidays, come early to Mass or pray quietly in Our Lady's Chapel after Mass or join a ministry or prayer group and so much more. Do not do these things to "do" things. Rather, enter them hoping to create a deeper space for Christ to dwell.
- Advent Reconciliation. This year, because of the day Christmas falls, we will not have one extended period of Reconciliation on the Monday before Christmas. Rather, we will offer extended times on the following dates:

Saturday, December 21—Confessions begin at 3 p.m. **Sunday, December 22**—Confessions begin at 4 p.m. **Monday, December 23**—Confessions end at 2 p.m. (or later, if necessary) after the 12 Noon Mass.

Of course you can always contact the Parish Office to make an appointment with one of our priests. Please do your best to receive the Sacrament in the Church during one of our regular times or the extended times noted above.

ADVENT 2019

Lighting Your Advent Wreath During the Week



Each day during the second week of Advent, at the evening meal (or any time) two purple candles are lighted. The following prayers accompany the lighting of the candles.

All make the sign of the cross: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Someone at table reads the Scripture assigned to the liturgy of the day (one or both of the readings may be used). Go to www.usccb.org to find the readings of the day. Then the Leader continues:

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All respond: We lift them up to the Lord.

The Leader prays: God, the Father of mercies, you willed your Son to take flesh, in order to give life back to us. Bless these your gifts with which we are about to nourish our bodies, so that, receiving new strength, we may wait in watchfulness for the glorious coming of Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

After the meal, the Leader says: Let us live soberly, justly, and devoutly in this world as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. All respond: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Advent Considerations....

"The Gospels chosen for the Second Sunday of Advent all have their theme as preparation of the way of the Lord. John's urgent warning has echoed throughout the world ever since he spoke of it, and as it reaches us today it has a twofold reference: prepare for the Lord's coming at Christmas, but prepare also for his return on the last day."

-Adrien Nocent, The Liturgical Year

"In and through our preparations in Advent, we have to keep focused on what it is we are actually seeking: to enable the Lord of Life to be reborn in us this Christmas, and that our public lives will mirror the growing freedom of our private prayer. Sometimes, for the love and joy of Christmas to flow and flower in us, we need to confront the blocks that get in the way of us living this life of grace."

-Richard Leonard, What Are We Waiting For?



"Advent is a time of waiting, of expectation, of silence. Waiting for our Lord to be born. A pregnant woman is so happy, so content. She lives in such a garment of silence, and it is as though she were listening to hear the stir of life within her. One always hears the stirring compared to the rustling of a bird in the hand. But the intentness with which one awaits such stirring is like nothing so much as a blanket of silence. Be still. Did I hear something? Be still, and see that I am God."

-Dorothy Day

This journey never comes to an end. Just as in each of our lives, we always need to begin again, to get up again, to rediscover the meaning of the goal of our lives, so also for the great human family it is always necessary to rediscover the common horizon toward which we

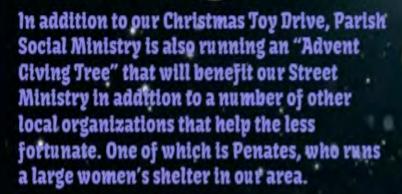
are journeying. The horizon of hope! This is the horizon that makes for a good journey. The season of Advent, which we begin again today, restores this horizon of hope, a hope which does not disappoint for it is founded on God's Word. A hope which does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful! He does not disappoint! Let us think about and feel this beauty. -**Pope Francis**,





PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Advent Giving Tree



In the main entrance of the church, there willbe 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 ot 631-878-0009 ext. 119.

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Be a part of our first Family Life Ministry Christmas Pageant December 19th at

6:30pm @ Church

Parts for all ages

Contact Linda Filosa at Lindalos3@optonline.net or 631-559-7227

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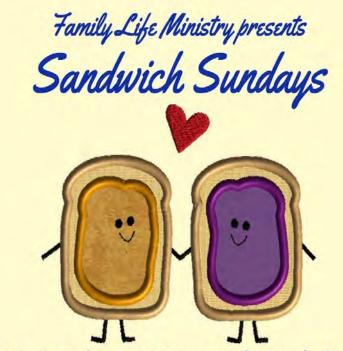
Every fourth Sunday of the month Family Life Ministry

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.



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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

Fair Trade Thanks!

We would like to express our joyful gratitude to you and your Parish for the welcome and support we received this past weekend. Every person we met was a blessing to us and to all the people who are being sustained around the world through the Fair Trade model. We are not Bridge For Peace as you had mentioned at Mass, but we did begin our Fair Trade work because they were willing to help us begin our mission back in 2003. We are separate missions.

Your Parish purchased \$3,225.00 in Fair Trade gifts, coffees, teas and chocolate. They additionally shared \$355.00 in donations. The generosity and compassion that the Parish shared will help the people we serve in Zambia and India, as well as the workers and farmers of Fair Trade! And as you know, our sales proceeds go to the orphans in Zambia, the widows in India as well as the physically and mentally challenged children in the school we support.

CHICKEN MINISTRY

Saint johns chicken Ministry is off and running! We are happy to welcome Dorothy, Blanche, Rose and Sophia to our beautiful chicken coop. The ladies are settling in nicely to their new home. If you would like to be a part of the Chicken Ministry, please contact Fr. Michael at mplona@sjecm.org.



Christmas Spiritual Bouquet Cards

Join in the Mass intentions for the Masses of Christmas by using the Christmas Spiritual Bouquet cards which are now available throughout the church. These cards are a wonderful and meaningful way for you to remember your loved ones at Christmas and to have them prayed for at Masses during the Christmas season. Return the envelope with your donation in the collection basket or bring it to the rectory, and keep the card to send your Christmas Spiritual Bouquet.



WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

Welcome Back, Deacon Raf!

This past summer we lived, worked and prayed with Seminarian Rafal Borowiejski. On Saturday, November 9th, Raf was ordained a deacon by Timothy Cardinal Dolan of the Archdiocese of New York. Deacon Raf lives at St. Mary's in Roslyn while attending classes at St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie.

Deacon Raf will return to SJE and serve and preach

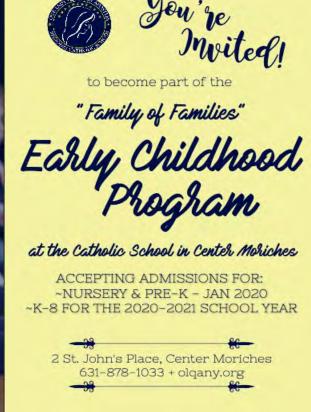
THIS SUNDAY

- December 8,
2019
12 Noon Mass
Please come and
pray with us!









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: Kevin Both - counts2n2@aol.com

Respect Life Group: Maria Sikora—msikora@sjecm.org

Society of St. Vincent de Paul - x. 173 - svdp@sjecm.org

Were here to help

If we are unable to assist you directly, we will be more then 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.

<u>Please call 631-878-0009 ext. 120 to make an appointment. Alternative office hours can be given upon request of appointment.</u>

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.



Alcoholics Anonymous- Offered daily @ 6:30 AM & Tuesdays, 7:30 PM–Red Barn Meeting Room

ALANON– Thursdays, @ 7PM– Red Barn Meeting Room **AA Men's**– Sundays @ 8AM– Red Barn Meeting Room



SJE STREET MINISTRY

The Street Ministry is continuously serving 60-90 individuals and families every Thursday night, many of whom are homeless. We are tremendously grateful for all of the donations that continue to allow us to do this work. We are in need of the following:

Winter Coats + Travel Shampoo + Shaving Cream + Women's Socks + Men's Socks + Women's Deodorant

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.)



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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 is our second year writing to you, our fellow parishioners. This is an exciting time for everyone as we enter the season of advent. As the excitement builds for Christmas, we are thankful for our friends, family and customers that enabled us to donate 80 turkeys to Ernie's Place at St John the Evangelist this year. Now, as we continue into the holiday season, we are taking up our annual food drive. This will be our 9th year collecting food for families in need. From November 30th to the December 21st when you bring in \$20 of non-perishable food you will receive a free engine oil and filter change along with a tire rotation. We ask that you please check all expiration dates, as expired items will not be eligible. As always, we appreciate your continued support. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe Happy New Year.

The Posanti Family & the entire staff of Shirley Auto Body



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 7th & 8th and 14th & 15th.

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 CHRIST-MAS TREE FARM. These charities are: DRVC Catholic Charities, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Hope House Ministries and Camp Paquatuck.

Saint John the Evangelist Parish

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN TO BENEFIT THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND THANK YOU

The Life Center of Long Island would like to thank the parishioners of St. John the Evangelist for participating in our Baby Bottle Campaign. The campaign rose over \$7,556.49!!!

This generosity allows the Life Center to continue to flourish and provide the services needed by so many each year, including those from your community. Thank you for bringing hope, healing, and new life to those mothers and fathers in the midst of an unexpected pregnancy.



FAITH FORMATION

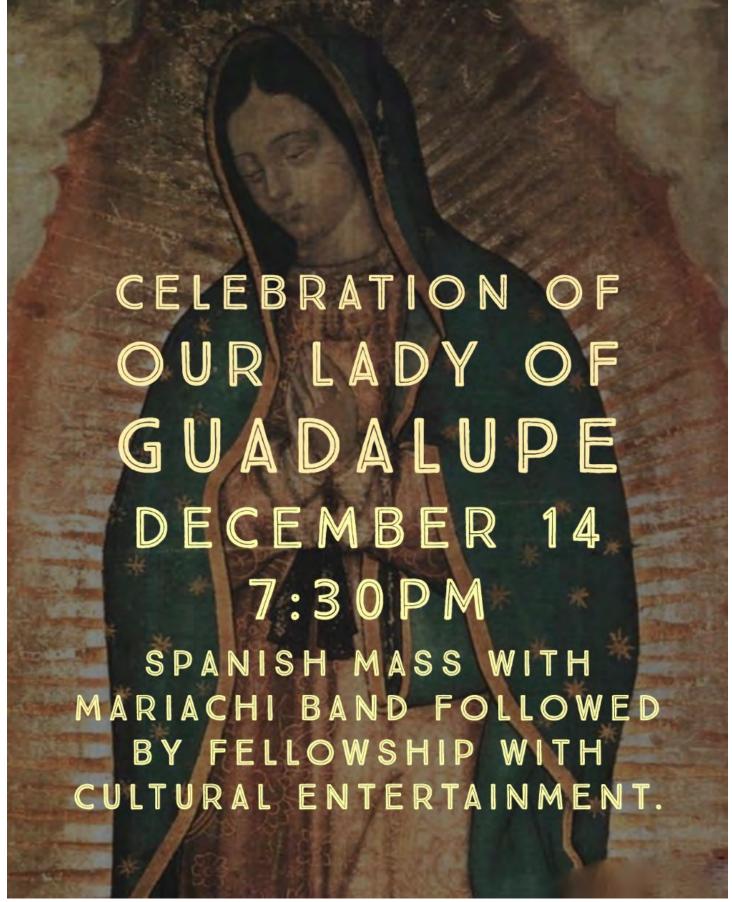
Phone: 631-878-0009, ext 5 + Website: sjecm.org + Facebook: StJohn FaithFormation Email: faithformation@sjecm.org / mpirraglia@sjecm.org Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 11AM-12Noon; 1PM-4:30PM (RED BARN, Upstairs)

ADVENT: PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR JESUS

During Advent, our catechists have been coming up with creative ways for our students and their families to enter into this Season and best prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus.



Comunidad Hispano de San Juan Evangelista, Center Moriches



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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 - 7:30 PM 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Serving Justice Excellently YOUTH SERVICE CORPS

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 completing the form below or e-mailing Fr. John at jsureau@sjecm.org.

	YES!!! Sign me up for the Youth Service Corps at SJE-
	Name
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	Cell Phone #
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	As of September 2019, I am in (list grade)
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MUSIC MINISTRIES @ SJE

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

Dear SJE Family:

On November 22nd, the Church celebrated the Feast of St. Cecilia. As we reflect on this feast day, I invite you to be part of an opportunity to strengthen and enhance our music ministry at SJE!

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 is 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)

To contribute, please mail or bring complete form below and a check made payable to St John the Evangelist in an envelope to the Parish Office: Attn Andrew McKeon. In addition, you may make your donation online by visiting www.sjecm.org. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at 631-878-0009 or Music@sjecm.org

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

- Andrew McKeon

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PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Remembering our Loved Ones

Helping our Parish

Altar Bread and Wine—for the month an offering of \$150 is requested

Altar Candles—\$25.00 per week

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



Stewardship

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

• Psalm 116:2

Sunday 11/24/19: \$14,426 (2018: \$16,579) Sunday 12/01/19: \$15,458 (2018: \$16,826.12) Parish Social Ministry: \$2,152 (2018: \$2,280)

Next week, please make use of the Catholic Education envelopes and/or place your offering in the regular collection.

Electronic Donation Summary for 11/1—11/30

Total Transactions: \$5,883 - 46 users - \$ 137.89 Avg/User One Time Transactions: \$1,153 - 3 user - \$384.33 Avg/User Recurring Transactions: \$4,730 - 44 users - \$107.50 Avg/User

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Third Sunday of Advent

Reading I: Isaiah 35:1-6A, 10 *The desert will rejoice and blossom.*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Be patient, even in suffering. **Gospel:** Matthew 11:2-11

John asks, "Are you the one who is to come?"

Discussion Questions

- 1. Who does God use to transform the world now? Name one thing you could do in your home, community, parish, work or environment to make the world a better place.
- 2. What are some qualities that patience brings with it? What does impatience bring? St. James warns his community about complaining about one another. Is this a fault peculiar to James' community? How does it relate to patience?







Based on payments received as of October 31, 2019, we have surpassed our 2019 goal of \$100,600, with donations totaling \$104,122.17!

As a result our parish will receive back 20% of our goal, and 80% of all additional payment.

Thanks to all who contributed to the 2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

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

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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.

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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: Jamaine Rayfield Ayers III, Casey James Bray
Jackie Lynn Sanders, Angelo Mateo Kikora
Tristan Alexander Swiatkowski

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

I. Brian Morales and Danielle Alicia Rufrano
I. Ian Van Bourgoudien and Mary Scott

We Remember ...

Helen M. Smith, Patricia Townsend, Frances Brereton Matilda M. Sanita
Anthony Corteselli, David Peter Schiulaz, Dorothy Sullivan
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

Allison Colombi-Candelore, Patricia Foley, Brianna Pecoraro

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 Justin Daisy, 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.

Seton Chapel

(located in the Convent building – The White House)

Seton Chapel is open each day from 7 a.m. to the early evening. **We gather in Seton Chapel for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Mondays – 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. / Thursdays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Mass – in Spanish – Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.

Liturgy of the Hours

Mondays – Midday Prayer – 3 p.m. / Night Prayer – 8:45 p.m. Thursdays – Midday Prayer – 12 Noon / Evening Prayer – 4:45 p.m.



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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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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.

PREPARING FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

EETINGS OF THE W	/EEK	MASS SCHEDULE		
d Barn—1st Floor Mtg. Room/ RBU	R —Upper Room	Monday, December 9, 2019 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin		
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OLQA Advent Confessions	Church	IVIEH Y		
FF Classes	School	7:00 a.m.	Bill Chabot	
СҮО	Auditorium	12 Noon	Dolores Madigan	
Choral Society	Church	7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available	
Miraculous Medal Novena	Seton Chapel		ecember 10 2019	
December 10, 2019		Advent Weekday		
Bible Study	RBMR	7:00 a.m.	Sherry and Egle Families	
FF Classes	School	12 Noon	Margaret Cerro	
СҮО	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available	
Children's Choir	Church	Wednesda	y, December 11, 2019	
Adult Choir	Church	Advent We	eekday	
Divine Will Prayer Group	RBUR	St. Damasu	ıs I, Pope	
Adult Confirmation	Faculty Rm.	7:00 a.m.	Ernest and Philomena Vigliotta	
, December 11, 2019		12 Noon	Gerlando Volpe	
Thrift Shop Open	Thrift Shop	Thursday, I	December 12, 2019	
СҮО	Auditorium		of Guadalupe	
Scouts 1227	Cafeteria	7:00 a.m.	Santo and Natala Giampaolo	
hursday, December 12, 2019		12 Noon	Ethel Sally Lenz	
Legion of Mary	RBMR	Friday, December 13, 2019 St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr		
СҮО	Auditorium			
FLM Pageant Rehearsal	Church	7:00 a.m.	Avelino J. Goncalves	
Friday, December 13, 2019			Patricia Smith	
K of C Bingo	Auditorium	Saturday, December 14, 2019		
Messiah Church		St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the		
Spanish Prayer Group	Seton Chapel	Church		
December 14, 2019		8:00 a.m.	Cecilia Giustino	
PSM	School	1	Third Sunday of Advent	
FF Classes	School			
Men's Prayer Group	Seton Chapel	Mass of Ar	nticipation	
Legion of Mary Curia Meeting	Cafeteria	5:00 p.m.	Margaret and Peter Corcoran	
CYO Game	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available	
Spanish Youth Group	RBMR	Sunday		
Sunday, December 15, 2019		7:30 a.m.	Patricia Bove	
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Erich Stalzer