



# 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



## The Baptism of the Lord

*And he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove - Matthew 3:16*



# 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

### Baptism of the Lord

## UNCONDITIONAL

Dear Parish Family:

Recently, a young person I work with and I went at it. We have a pretty long history of going back and forth. I was not happy with some of his decisions, his lack of respect for his mom, and was direct about it. It wasn't pretty. He shut down and I understood (and get it). I ran in to him as I was walking into the school this week. He saw me coming and put his head down. I walked over and talked to his hood for the first minute or two. (The hood went up when he saw me coming.)

He said he was sorry for letting me down and said he knew what he had done was frustrating to me. We talked for a bit and sorted things out. I reminded him that I only want the best for him and wasn't giving up on him (even if he's killing me!). I tried to explain to him that my care for him was unconditional, even if I am unhappy with a decision or direction. The hood came down, he gave me a hug and we are going forward.

Today we conclude the celebration of the season of Christmas as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. On this day, we hear about the "servant whom I uphold", the "chosen One", the "anointed", the "beloved". These are beautiful titles and images for us to consider as we recall the Baptism of the Lord and, I hope, our own baptisms as well. We enter into this unconditional bond of love in the celebration of Baptism. We are the chosen ones, the "grasped" (see the 1st reading), the beloved. How quickly we forget it!

As we take some time this week to recall the significance of our own baptisms, I want to ask your help in getting some more people involved in the process of Baptism.

**Belonging.** This weekend, members of our Belonging program are going to speak to us before Mass, asking for some more involvement and support. Each month, members of the Belonging Ministry welcome, meet with, encourage and form parents who are bringing their child to the Church for Baptism. They become the "face" of the Church to these parents who are often returning to the Church for the first time since Confirmation. **We are in need of members of this Belonging process.** We need parishioners to greet, prepare hospitality, make phone calls, assist with a presentation, attend the Baptism practice, and, eventually we hope, assist at the celebration of the sacrament itself. You will hear more this weekend. Please think about it! It is not an incredible commitment of time. You will, though, be impacting the lives of those who come and the future of the Church in great ways.

**Adult Baptism and Confirmation.** Baptism isn't just for kids! Do you know we have a vibrant team of parishioners ready to welcome those who desire the sacrament of Baptism as adults as well as those who are seeking to complete their sacraments of initiation (most times, Confirmation)? We just need participants. **Do you know someone who would like to be baptized? Do you know someone who desires to become part of the Catholic Church (from another Christian tradition)?** Invite them to find out more. There is information in other parts of the bulletin about how to get involved. We hope to form a new group of inquirers (those who are interested in learning about Baptism soon) and Fr. Michael is organizing our plans for the Adult Confirmation process. Please help spread the word. Your invitation will make the difference!

Helping others come to know the unconditional love of God, helping them to know they are the "beloved" of God is essential to the evangelizing mission of the Church. We have the opportunity to do this in many ways—particularly when we pray for one another, serve one another, care for one another and, yes, bring others to the font through ministries like Belonging and the RCIA.

Did I mention that I baptized that young person a few years ago?

Please say a prayer for me.



*Featherman*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

### BISHOP BARRES VISITS SJE!

Last Sunday, SJE welcomed Bishop Barres to celebrate the 12 Noon Mass.



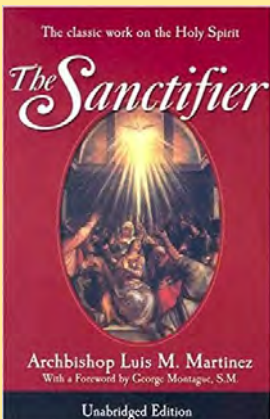
**Come and join us! Get involved! Be a greater part of SJE!**

#### **WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP--New Members Always Welcome! COME HOLY SPIRIT FALL AFRESH ON US!**

Come join us at any time as we continue reading *The Sanctifier*. It is through our sharing that we gain greater trust and understanding of how the Holy Spirit is working in our lives. The Holy Spirit leads us to holiness, directs us, inspires us, teaches what our gifts are and empowers us to use them to live a more spiritual and fruitful life. We meet every other Monday at the Convent (White House) from 10AM-11:30AM. Call 631-878-0009 for info.

*Facilitators: Anita Luccari and Carol Ketcham*

Meeting Dates: 1-13, 1-27, 2-10, 2-24, 3-9, 3-23, 4-6,  
4-20, 5-4, 5-18, 6-1, 6-15, 6-29



### **ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS!**

(Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Servers, Cantors and Ushers!)

Do you have the Ministry Scheduler Pro App downloaded? If not...PLEASE get it ASAP. Use the Ministry Scheduler Pro App to check your upcoming schedule, update your availability and requests changes. Also, please be on the lookout for any **upcoming sub requests** throughout the week and check the roster before coming to Mass to accept any outstanding sub requests, if possible. Thank you for helping us to ensure that we can properly serve the many parishioners and visitors worshipping with us each week. Please reach out to Colleen Nizza at 631.300.5683 or [cols26@optonline.net](mailto:cols26@optonline.net) if you need any help with updating your MSP app.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

### Christmas Decoration Clean Up

**Sunday, January 12, 2020**

**All hands on deck!**

The Christmas season ends after Evening Prayer on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. So we need your help **next Sunday!**



### **OUTSIDE CLEAN UP! - 1/12/20—1 p.m.**

We are getting ready for the Christmas Clean Up – **Sunday, January 12, 2020— at 1 p.m.** We need you! (Please note if the weather is not looking good for Sunday, we may do this on the Saturday before.)



### **INSIDE CLEAN UP—1/12/20—6:30 p.m.**

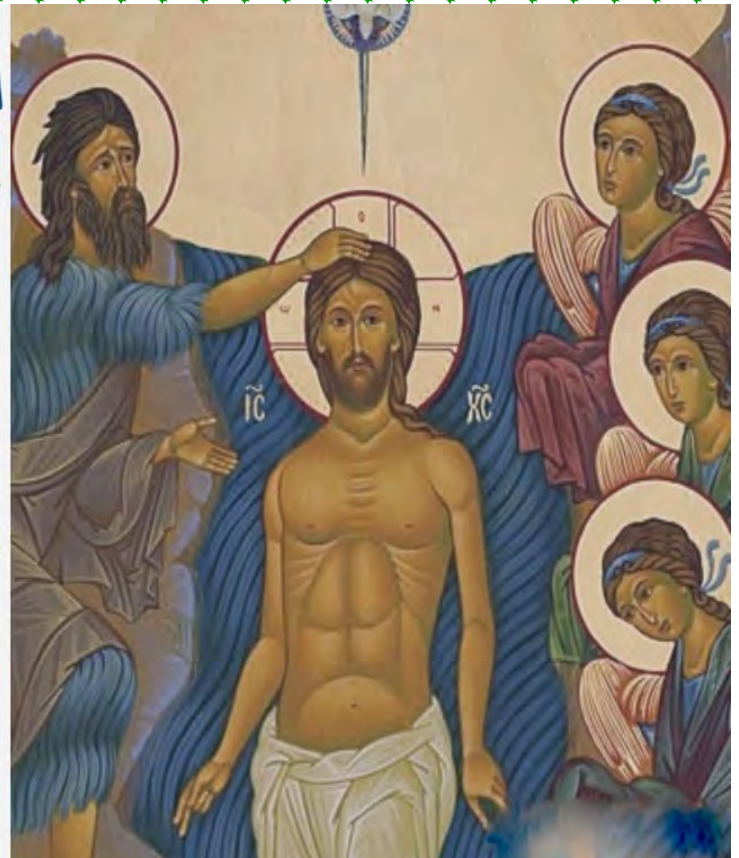
The Church needs to be returned to its set up for Ordinary Time. Come and help on **Sunday, January 12, 2019 after the 5:30 p.m. Mass (approximately 6:30 p.m.)**. Meet in the Church if you can help with this part of the Christmas Clean Up.

*These are great family fun activities to be part of! All are welcome! (And, yes, you can help at both events!)*



## BELONGING BAPTISM TEAM MEMBERS WANTED!

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







# Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School

## OPEN HOUSE 2020

the catholic school in center moriches

### LEARN ABOUT OUR...

- commitment to Catholic values & service
- expanding clubs & athletics
- special education program
- academic intervention services
- small, individualized educational program
- before & after care services
- financial aid
- AND MUCH MORE!

GRADES  
PreK-8



### OPEN HOUSE TIMES:

**SUNDAY, JAN. 26: Mass 9am**

**@ St. John the Evangelist**

**Open House from 10am-12pm**

**THURSDAY, JAN. 30:**

**6pm-7:30pm**

Come receive a small group tour given by school families, meet teachers & staff, and receive detailed information about each of our grade levels & more!

**2 ST JOHN'S PLACE 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](mailto:chineseauction@olqany.org)*

**2020 Calendars are available at the doors of the Church**

*Thank you to Wesche-Robertaccio Funeral Home for your generous donation!*



January 12, 2020

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

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Respect Life Group: Maria Sikora—[msikora@sjecm.org](mailto:msikora@sjecm.org)

Society of St. Vincent de Paul – x. 173 – [svdp@sjecm.org](mailto:svdp@sjecm.org)

# We're here to help

If we are unable to assist you directly, we will be more than happy to connect you to resources that can 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.

**Alcoholics Anonymous-** Offered daily @ 6:45 AM & Tuesdays, 7:00 PM– Red Barn Meeting Room

**ALANON–** Thursdays, @ 7PM– Red Barn Meeting Room

**AA Men's–** Sundays @ 8AM– Red Barn Meeting Room

**12 Step Meetings**



## 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/Men's Socks  
Diapers/Wipes + Women's Deodorant + Quart & Gallon Ziplock Bags**

Financial donations are most welcome as they allow us to purchase items as they are needed. Checks may be made payable to St. John the Evangelist and donations can be left in the Parish Office. We would also be most grateful for gift cards to places such as the Dollar Store or Walmart so we can obtain these items.

Donations may be dropped off to the Parish Office (Blue House) during normal business hours or Parish Social Ministry Office (Red Barn) Monday-Thursday 10:00AM-12:00PM or 1:00PM-3:00PM.

**Chefs/volunteers needed.** Every Thursday night. Set up begins at 5:45 p.m. at the convent. At 6:45 p.m. vans leave SJE and return around 8:45. We are now making two stops so we need more volunteers! If you're interested in cooking a tray of food or going out with the van please contact Alex Finta ([afinta@sjecm.org](mailto:afinta@sjecm.org) or 631-878-0009 ext. 119.)





## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

### 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 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

For more information, contact the Parish Social Ministry Office.

### Pro-Life March for Life

*"All human life- from the moment of conception and through all subsequent stages-is sacred, because human life is created in the image and likeness of God."* Pope

*John Paul II*

**Bus Trip to 47<sup>th</sup> Annual March For Life,  
Washington, DC,  
Friday January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**



We have a bus leaving from Our Lady of the Island Shrine, Manorville, sponsored by Peconic Respect Life Association, at 5:15 AM. Please call Maria Sikora #1-631-801-2306 to reserve your spot.

### The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

At his baptism the heavens were opened and the Spirit descended upon Jesus, anointing him as Messiah. Thus anointed, he was enabled to "fulfill all righteousness", to bring forth justice to the nations: he makes the blind see, gives prisoners freedom, brings light to those dwelling in darkness, went about doing good and healing all those oppressed. The voice from heaven revealed to Jesus his identity and a mission that called forth a response-his life of preaching, teaching, healing, forgiving, etc. This same identity and mission is revealed to us, and calls forth from us the same faithful response. This is our Christian and our Vincentian life. (Living Liturgy, p.40)



For assistance email [depaul@sjecm.org](mailto:depaul@sjecm.org) or contact Alex Finta in the parish Social Ministry Office.

### 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

Thank you for your  
continued generosity.  
Cut out this list and bring it  
with you when you go  
shopping!





## SENIOR MINISTRY

Sister Ann Berendes, IHM—  
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A blessed and healthy New Year to all! I have a new **SCHEDULE** of activities for our wonderful Senior members of St. John's (and any one else who might like to come

from other parishes). So mark your calendars and venture out. (I will provide transportation for anyone who'd like to come but who cannot drive. Just give me a call at 631-878-0009- ext. 129 or ext. 127.) All activities are in the IHM room of the Convent. In the nice weather, we move to the porch!

1. Tuesday at 11:00 we have T'ai Chi Cha (excellent for balance)
2. Wednesday at 10:00 Bereavement Support—begins, January 29.
3. Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sophia's Circle, discussion of a book appropriate for growing older gracefully
4. Friday at 9:00 Preparation for better understanding of the Sunday Scriptures. Please bring a Catholic Bible and a notebook.
5. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**  
**Retreat day—February 28, Friday, from 10:00 until 3:00. Will include Mass and lunch.**
6. Home visitation: I would really like to meet those who just can't get out but would like to visit with someone from the parish—me! I have met the most wonderful people whom I never would have known if I didn't take advantage of this. I don't expect ANYTHING from you except a brief conversation.

I would appreciate a call from those who plan to attend any of the activities so that we know approximately how many to prepare for before you come—appreciated but not absolutely necessary.

God bless all of you!

## 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.



## YOUTH MINISTRY



### CYO News

The girls regular season ended 1/5. Our 8th grade girls are in third place and it looks promising that they will make the playoffs. The

5GG and both 6GG records do not reflect the skills they have learned, the hard work they put in and the fun they have had over the season.

The boys are half way through their season and the 6th and 8th grade teams are currently in third place and fighting hard. Both 7th grade teams are struggling in the higher division but we are confident they will end the season strong.

Thanks to our great Coaching staff, all teams are learning life skills, great sportsmanship and are a great representation of SJE as Faithful Athletes.

*Go SJE!*



**Hey lads,  
your Parish  
St. John the  
Evangelist  
needs your help!  
If you are in first to fourth grade.**

**JOIN!**

**Cub Scout Pack 1227**

Serving the Parish and community in the  
scouting way since 2019

#### Upcoming events include

- Scout Sunday
- The Pinewood Derby
- The Blue and Gold Banquet
- Service events for the community.
- Protecting the environment
- Working the land in the Parish Garden
- Not to mention... hiking, camping, fishing, parties, baseball games, sporting events, Parish events planned by the boys, woodworking, cooking, zoology, marine biology, astronomy, first aid, fire prevention, acting, singing and having fun in a safe environment. Oh yeah, dues are currently \$0. Per month. *A registration fee may apply.*

If you are interested, or you have a potential cub at home, bring them down to meet the boys and have some fun.  
**January 15, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. in the cafeteria in the basement of Our Lady Queen of Apostles.**

Don't forget to follow us...

Facebook: Cub Scout Pack 1227

Instagram: Cubscoutpack1227

### Cub Scouts Party

We discussed St. John the Evangelist, played some games like picking up candy canes with candy canes, had a candy cane hunt, and had a rolled up sock snowball fight (new socks donated after.) We ate, drank juice, had a gift grab bag and gave pine wood derby cars to the boys. We had fun!



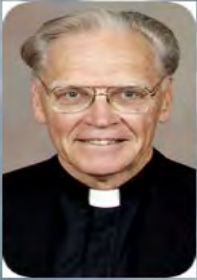


## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

# Come celebrate Word of God Sunday

A new Holy Day added by Pope Francis

3PM Prayer Service to be held  
Sunday, January 26th  
St. John the Evangelist Church in Riverhead



Special guest speaker Bishop Emil Wcela

### LITURGICAL PRACTICES, GOOD HEALTH AND COMMON SENSE!

*My former Pastor, Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, a former professor of liturgy at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, prepared a brief article for my former parish's bulletin that runs during the winter months. With his permission, I have reprinted it here. As we are in the midst of the winter season, there are some good things to consider in our celebration of the Eucharist.*

As we come to celebrate Mass together each week during these winter days, it's a good time to review some common-sense liturgical practices and issues, to help everyone stay healthy and to care for one another.

- **Holy Communion:** Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are especially encouraged to wash and sanitize their hands before Mass begins. If Communion ministers need to clean their hands during Mass, it must be done discreetly. The best way for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to clean their hands during Mass is to use a sanitizing liquid in the pew before coming into the sanctuary (sanitizing liquids have no place on the altar or among the Communion vessels and other sacred items on the credence table).
- **Communion from the Chalice:** The faithful should refrain from drinking from the chalice when one has a cold or is fearful of being infected.
- **Receiving on the Tongue:** Faithful who normally receive Holy Communion on the tongue should refrain from receiving on the tongue and instead receive in the hand when one has a cold or is otherwise contagious. Do not spread your saliva to the hand of the Communion minister if you are sick; receive Communion in the hand instead.
- **Greeting of Peace:** Use your own discretion and best judgment when invited to exchange the greeting of peace during the liturgy; limit physical contact with others if necessary. If a handshake is not advisable, a simple bow of the head is acceptable. Do not be insulted if someone prefers to avoid shaking your hand.
- **Mass Attendance:** MOST IMPORTANTLY, IF YOU ARE SICK, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO MASS! There is no obligation to attend Mass if you are sick; it is not a sin to miss Mass for this reason. (Also, there is no need to go to Confession if you miss Mass because you are sick.) Personal prayer and reflection on the Sunday Scripture readings is encouraged; many people also enjoy viewing the Mass on television.

## MUSIC MINISTRIES @ SJE

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

### Hymns for this week:

#544 - The First Nowell

#556 - To the Jordan Jesus Humbly Came

#529 - Of the Father's Love Begotten

#530 - Go Tell it on the Mountain

I would like to invite you to be a part of the *Friends of Music*. We are already busy preparing weekly for the completion of a 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 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 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



## 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 January has been donated: In honor of Barbara Bartell Kremer.*



### Stewardship

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

- Psalm 116:2

**Solemnity of Mary: \$6,067 (2018: \$6,851)**

**Sunday 1/5/19: \$14,790 (2018: \$15,401)**

Each week, we provide envelopes for specific areas of parish life. This allows us to focus our stewardship in certain areas. Ideally, we would love to have a strong regular collection which would make these envelopes unnecessary. Next week, please make use of the Parish Improvements envelopes and/or place your offering in the regular collection.

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Reading I:** Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

*Israel, a light to the nations.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

*Paul sends greetings to the people of Corinth.*

**Gospel:** John 1:29-34

*John the Baptist points to Jesus.*

### Discussion Questions

1. If enlightening the world isn't in the cards for you, is there one dark corner you can brighten somehow?

3. Was the Trinity present at the baptism of Jesus? Do you think the Father and Holy Spirit were with Jesus throughout his entire earthly life even when he was on the cross?

How does that thought make you feel about God the Father and the Holy Spirit? Do you think they are with you even when you feel as though they are absolutely not?



### 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](mailto:jsureau@sjecm.org) or call the Parish Office.

### Want to get confirmed? Get sealed!

Group meetings begin this Lent! For more information, contact Fr. Michael at [mplo-na@sjecm.org](mailto:mplo-na@sjecm.org) or call the Parish Office.

You're invited to the Men's Group, which meets every Saturday at 9 AM at the Convent (White House). For more information please contact Fr. Michael.

TOTUS TUUS MEN'S GROUP  
Be a man. Be a Saint.

## 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 Stanley Cannarelli, Anthony Joseph Paulette

### 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. Jonathan Fogarty and Janine San Jose**

**III. Daniel Parisi and Nicole Lamattina**

### We Remember ...

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

**Joseph Alfred Randazzo, Nicholas A. Rutigliano, Leonard M. Fig**

**Theresa Ellen Lehrmann, Frances DeTommaso**

### We Pray...

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

**Julianna Gales, Daniel DeRienzi, Alice Clavin, Carol Liguori, Nicholas Surubbi**

**Tom Taylor, Barbara Parent, Everett Rushford**

*Names will be announced at Mass the first week they are submitted and will remain on this list for approximately four weeks. If you would like a loved one's name placed under Prayers for the Sick, please call the rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).*

### Praying for our Military

#### US Army

Sgt. Justin Sikorski, PVT Bailey Meyer, PVT Sean Casey SGT Daniel Smith,  
SPC Olivia Cordero, PVT Joseph Cestare, PFC David Smith, PVT Jack Dyer

#### US Air Force

SSgt. Jason M. Hermes, SRA Ryan Kerstiens, SRA Timothy Kerstiens, PFC Kyle Kerstiens

#### US Marine Corps

Pfc Sean Brady, Patrick Kimes, Lt. Col. Robert K. Maldonado, CPL Andrew Schlosberg  
PVT Charles O'Connor, SGT Quentin Montemarano, Recruit Evan Berkemeyer

#### US Navy

STGCS Brian Holzmacher, ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr., MMN3 Christopher J. Esposito Jr

*Please pray for our parish family members serving abroad in the military. Family members, please contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) to add or update your loved one's status if they have returned.*

## ELECTRONIC GIVING @ SJE

### Giving Greener

Are you trying to cut down on the paper you use? Is the check you write to our parish one of the few checks that you write anymore? You can give greener by using our Online Giving Program. Simply go to our parish website at [SJEcm.org](http://SJEcm.org). You can set up the amount that you would like to give on a schedule that meets your needs and you never have to worry about writing another check, forgetting your envelope, or having cash in your wallet. Our parish greatly appreciates all those who choose to give in this manner as it helps us maintain a consistent cash flow and pay all of our bills in a timely manner.





## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

### END OF YEAR TAX STATEMENTS

Tax statements will be provided for those who request them.

Simply call the Rectory at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [bulletin@sjecm.org](mailto:bulletin@sjecm.org) for your 2019 statement. Statements will be available after January 20, 2020. You can have your form mailed to you, emailed to you or you may pick it up at the Rectory.



### 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](mailto:mplona@sjecm.org) to find out more.

### CHICKEN MINISTRY!

BE A PART OF HELPING TAKE CARE OF OUR NEW CHICKEN COOP. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT FR. MICHAEL AT [MPLONA@SJECDM.ORG](mailto:MPLONA@SJECDM.ORG) OR 631-878-0009.



-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!**



## Frequently Asked Questions

### MAKING THINGS OFFICIAL

We ask that all individuals and families who participate in the parish life of SJE register in the parish. It's pretty simple! Just contact the Parish Office and one of the members of our Pastoral Team will meet and greet you and maybe even show you around the place. Please contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We love to welcome new people into Catholic faith! Baptism ceremonies are held every Sunday at 2 p.m. Parents wishing to have a child baptized must meet with one of our parish priests or deacon and be part of our Belonging preparation process before the Baptism. Contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or email to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) for more information!

### PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Our parish wants to pray for and with those who are seriously ill or facing surgery, as well as those in danger of death, should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Parish Office and ask for one of our priests. To include you or your loved one's name on our sick list, please contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org). In addition, our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring communion to the homebound—both those temporarily unable to attend Mass and those who more permanently cannot attend Mass. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Do you want to become Catholic? We want you to become Catholic too! Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [rcia@sjecm.org](mailto:rcia@sjecm.org).

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who desire the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation process. This process begins during Lent each year and concludes on the Vigil of Pentecost. Please contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [rcia@sjecm.org](mailto:rcia@sjecm.org).

### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Catholics planning to be married should receive the Sacrament of Matrimony. Please contact the Parish Office at least SIX MONTHS before the desired date of your wedding. To begin this process, you will meet with one of our parish's priests. You can do this by contacting the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).

Are you married civilly and want to have your marriage recognized by the Catholic Church? We are happy to help! Please contact the Parish Office and we will walk with you through this simple and engaging process.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Allyson Boyle, *Secretary*  
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Tom Tebbens II  
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### PARISH TRUSTEES

Elizabeth Harrington  
Angelo Rollo



## PREPARING FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

### MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

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

#### Monday, January 13, 2020

4:30 p.m.	FF Classes	School
7:00 p.m.	Level 7 Parent Meeting	Church
7:15 p.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena	Seton Chapel

#### Tuesday, January 14, 2020

9:30 a.m.	Bible Study	RBMR
4:30 p.m.	FF Classes	School
4:30 p.m.	Level 8 Parent Meeting	School
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir	Church
6:30, 8PM	CYO	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir	Church
7:00 p.m.	Divine Will Prayer Group	RBUR
7:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation	Faculty Rm.

#### Wednesday, January 15, 2020

9:00 a.m.	Thrift Shop Open	Thrift Shop
6:00 p.m.	Scouts 1227	Cafeteria
6PM, 8PM	CYO	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Baptismal Class	RBMR

#### Thursday, January 16, 2020

4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	RBMR
5:30, 7, 8 PM	CYO	Auditorium

#### Friday, January 17, 2020

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

#### Saturday, January 18, 2020

8:30 a.m.	FF Classes	School
8:30 a.m.	Heritage Parent Meeting	School
9:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	Seton Chapel
5:45 p.m.	Spanish Youth Group	RBMR

#### Sunday, January 19, 2020

1:00 p.m.	CYO Game	Auditorium
4:00 p.m.	Mass Band Rehearsal	Church

**WHERE DO WE WANT  
TO BE IN 2023?**

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Monday, January 13 2020

Weekday

St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m.	Special Intention— John Carey
12 Noon	Gregory Hammond

#### Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Weekday

7:00 a.m.	John DiNicola
12 Noon	Michael Wheymes
7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available

#### Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Helen M. Smith
12 Noon	Catherine Spranger

#### Thursday, January 16, 2020

Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Dr. William Savino Jr.
12 Noon	Dr. William Savino

#### Friday, January 17 2020

St. Anthony, Abbot

7:00 a.m.	Intention Still Available
12 Noon	Bernie Kwiatkowski

#### Saturday, January 18, 2020

Weekday

8:00 a.m.	Rudy Weisse
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**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### Mass of Anticipation

5:00 p.m.	Kathleen Igoe
7:30 p.m.	Fredy Canales

#### Sunday

7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m.	William Savino
10:30 a.m.	Dr. William Savino Jr.
12:00 p.m.	Urbain Colin
5:30 p.m.	Dr. William A. Savino Jr.