

# 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 in Ordinary Time January 17, 2021

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you?" -1 Corinthians 6:19

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# **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

## Father Joe and the Universal Patron of the Church



#### Dear Parish Family:

As I write this article, I am learning about the passing of Fr. Joseph Coschignano. Fr. Joe was the Pastor at St. John's from 2000–2010, following Msgr. McDonald and preceding Fr. Walter Kedjierski. I had the chance to speak to Fr. Joe a few times since I became the pastor here. He offered good advice and was encouraging whenever I reached out. He also set boundaries. When I asked him if he would come and preach at one of the Evening Prayers before the rededication of the Church, he responded, "I don't think that will be necessary." When I returned to the planning committee they responded in unison, "That's Fr. Joe."

During his time as pastor, Fr. Joe helped the parish to regain financial footing after the construction of the new church building, took care of many of the more administrative tasks of the parish-repairing, replacing, fixing and the like all with limited resources. He moved



the tabernacle to the sanctuary from Our Lady's Chapel. People have always shared with me some wonderful stories of his humor and sarcasm and even, yes, at times, his ability to say it like it was. His preaching, always with a text, was often clear and to the point. He liked the Church cold but "don't even think about touching that thermostat". I have also been greeted with beautiful stories of quiet outreach. "When my son was in the service and could only come in on a Friday night for his son's baptism, Fr. Joe was there," "When I was in the hospital, Fr. Joe was the first one to be there" and "He was my friend."

He strikes me as a man of discipline so important in the pastoral and the spiritual life. There needs to be order and structure to what we do and who we are as the Church. His administrative and pastoral skills helped the parish in a unique time. We have been doing some work in the Rectory basement and I have seen so many of his letters and outreaches (perfect handwriting by the way!) and the significant amount of work asked of him during those ten years.



I also have been thinking about the time he arrived here. The new church had been constructed and he followed a legend in Msgr. McDonald. That is not an easy path to follow. It takes a special leader to follow one who was so well known, so outspoken (in the best sense of that word) and so dedicated to this community as Msgr. McDonald was to SJE. Fr. Joe was who he was and that comes from a place, most times, of deep security in the Lord, a security that Above (From left to right) Fr. McDonald, Mark Herrmann, Galvin Murphy, Fr. Corcoran, Chris Vigliotta, Fr. McCartney, Fr. Pers and allowed him to use his gifts to build a strong foundation for our parish.

As I write about Fr. Joe, I also think today of St. Joseph. We are in the Year of St. Joseph. It began on December 8 on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of his proclamation as Patron of the Universal Church. It got a little lost in our Advent/Christmas movements. In his Apostolic Letter, Patris Corde, Pope Francis describes the many father-like qualities of Joseph: beloved, tender and loving, obedient, accepting, creatively courageous, working, a father in the shadow. (It strikes me that Fr. Joe had many of these qualities!) In this year, we're encouraged to pray asking for St. Joseph's intercessions so we remember and live out his call to "happiness not in mere self-sacrifice but in self-gift. In him, we never see frustration but only trust. His patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust" (Patris Corde 7).



You'll notice that our Art and Environment is helping to remember this year. We have **beautiful prayer cards** that I ask you to take and share. In addition, we will place a statue of the Sleeping St. Joseph. We invite you throughout the year to list whatever intentions you may have under that statue. Then, pray to St. Joseph and ask him, as Pope Francis does, "When I have a problem, a difficulty, I write a little note and I put it underneath Saint Joseph, so that he can dream about it! In other words I tell him: pray for this problem!" I have one of these statues in my office and in my room. It's been a help. We'll

give St. Joseph a nice mattress to rest on in the months ahead1

So this week—a good week for Joseph! Our beloved Fr. Joe rests in God's peace being greeted by St. Joseph and all the heavenly saints!

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Many have asked about ethical concerns related to receiving the vaccine. The follow was published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.



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## Answers to Key Ethical Questions About COVID-19 Vaccines

The development of vaccines to combat the COVID-19 pandemic has received much public attention and raised several ethical questions related to their development and use. This document is intended to provide concise answers to some of those ethical questions as well as links to more in-depth resources.

#### Is it true that there is a connection between some vaccines and abortion?

Yes. Several decades ago, tissue harvested from the bodies of aborted babies was used to create certain cell lines for research purposes. The cells in these lines are, in effect, the descendants of those cells that were originally harvested. They have been made to replicate themselves and some cell lines can be reproduced indefinitely. These abortion-derived cell lines are used as a "factory" to manufacture certain vaccines (e.g. rubella, chickenpox, some of the COVID-19 vaccines, etc.).<sup>i</sup> The cells themselves, however, are not present in the vaccines that patients receive.

#### What does the Church say about abortion-derived cell lines and their connection to vaccines?

The Holy See, through the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Pontifical Academy for Life, has provided guidance on this topic on four occasions.<sup>ii</sup> This guidance has made it clear that it is wrong to create abortion-derived cell lines and for pharmaceutical companies to utilize them, that the use of vaccines produced with such cell lines should be avoided if comparable alternatives with no connection to abortion are available, that grave reasons (e.g., serious health risks) may justify the use of vaccines produced with these cell lines when there are no such alternatives, and that everyone concerned for the sanctity of life should protest the use of these cell lines and advocate for the development of vaccines with no connection to abortion.

#### Do COVID-19 vaccines use abortion-derived cell lines?

As of the date of this writing, hundreds of vaccines for COVID-19 are in development worldwide, and more than a dozen are in the final stages of testing. Some don't use abortion-derived cell lines at all, some have used such cell lines to test the vaccine's efficacy, and some are using such cell lines in the development and/or the production phases. There are currently two vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna) being distributed for use in the United States, and there are others that are likely to be made available in the coming months (e.g., AstraZeneca, Janssen, etc.).<sup>iii</sup> Neither Pfizer nor Moderna used an abortion-derived cell line in the development or production of the vaccine. However, such a cell line was used to test the efficacy of both vaccines. Thus, while neither vaccine is completely free from any use of abortion-derived cell lines, in these two cases the use is very remote from the initial evil of the abortion. The AstraZeneca and Janssen vaccines raise additional moral concerns because an abortion-derived cell line is used not only for testing, but also in development and production.

#### Is it morally acceptable to receive a COVID-19 vaccine that uses abortion-derived cell lines?

Given that the COVID-19 virus can involve serious health risks, it can be morally acceptable to receive a vaccine that uses abortion-derived cell lines if there are no other available vaccines comparable in safety and efficacy with no connection to abortion. If it is possible to choose among a number of equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen.<sup>iv</sup> If a vaccine with no connection to abortion-derived cell lines is not readily available, vaccines that used such cell lines only for testing would be preferable to those that use such cell lines for ongoing

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production. Such choices may not be possible, however, especially in the early stages of vaccine distribution. In that case, one may receive any of the clinically recommended vaccines in good conscience with the assurance that reception of such vaccines does not involve immoral cooperation in abortion.<sup>v</sup>

#### Is there a moral obligation to receive a COVID-19 vaccination?

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has noted recently that "vaccination is not, as a rule, a moral obligation and that, therefore, it must be voluntary. In any case, from the ethical point of view, the morality of vaccination depends not only on the duty to protect one's own health but also on the duty to pursue the common good."<sup>vi</sup> And it said that "in the absence of other means to stop or even prevent the epidemic" vaccination may promote the common good, "especially to protect the weakest and most exposed." For a vaccine to be effective in protecting society, most people need to be vaccinated in order to break the chain of disease transmission from person to person throughout the community. The Congregation also said that those who refuse to get vaccinated must do their utmost, by taking all the necessary precautions, to avoid "becoming vehicles for the transmission of the infectious agent. In particular, they must avoid any risk to the health of those who cannot be vaccinated for medical or other reasons, and who are the most vulnerable."

# What can those who uphold the sanctity of life do to protest against the use of abortion-derived cell lines and advocate for ethical vaccines?

First, inform yourself and others about how some vaccines are connected to abortion through the use of abortion-derived cell lines, and about which vaccines use such cell lines. Second, inform your doctor about this connection and ask him or her to provide ethical vaccines, when possible. Third, urge pharmaceutical companies and medical researchers to discontinue using abortion-derived cell lines, and thank them when they do.<sup>vii</sup>

## Are the COVID-19 vaccines safe and effective?

The bishops are not and do not claim to be authorities on the safety and efficacy of vaccines. People should rely on information from authoritative sources in the field of medicine and public health, such as the Food and Drug Administration and qualified health care professionals. The FDA affirms that the vaccines authorized for emergency use in the U.S. have met all the safety and efficacy standards required for such authorization.

## Where can I find more information on this topic?

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (<u>www.usccb.org/prolife/biomedical-research</u>) National Catholic Bioethics Center (<u>www.ncbcenter.org</u>) Charlotte Lozier Institute (<u>www.lozierinstitute.org/category/genetics</u>)

<sup>ii</sup> Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Instruction on Certain Bioethical Questions (*Dignitas Personae*) (2008), nos. 35-36 and "Note on the morality of using some anti-COVID-19 vaccines" (21 December 2020).

iii https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/explaining-operation-warp-speed/index.html;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> See Charlotte Lozier Institute at <u>www.lozierinstitute.org/category/genetics</u>.

Pontifical Academy for Life, "Moral Reflections on Vaccines Prepared from Cells Derived from Aborted Human Foetuses", (9 June 2005); and Note on Italian Vaccine Issue (31 July 2017).

https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/Operation-Warp-Speed/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>iv</sup> As of the date of this document, there are no available COVID vaccine options that are completely free from a connection to abortion-derived cell lines. But there are some COVID vaccines in development that may end up free of such connection. <sup>v</sup> Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith "Note on the morality of using some anti-COVID-19 vaccines" (21 December 2020), no. 3.

vi CDF Note no. 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>vii</sup> The USCCB Pro Life Office helps with such advocacy through the USCCB Action Center. To receive action alerts, sign up at <u>www.usccb.org/prolife/biomedical-research</u>.

## **KEEPING SAFE IN THESE DAYS!** LITURGICAL PRACTICES, GOOD HEALTH AND COMMON SENSE!

Since 2017, we have published updates regarding good health, particularly in the winter months. 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. As we are approaching the winter season in a time of pandemic, there are some good things to consider in our celebration of the Eucharist and some things we have been encouraging for many years! 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.

• <u>Not feeling great, STAY HOME!</u> Please do not take any chances for your sake or anyone else's! Join us via social media or watch Mass on the Catholic Faith Network. The risks are too great for you and for others in these days. There is no obligation to attend Mass in this time; 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.)

• <u>Entering the Church:</u> You must enter through the main fellowship doors with your mask on. NO MASK = NO ENTRANCE into the Church. Sanitize your hands, take a worship aid and enter the church. For Masses in the Auditorium, you may enter through the north or south entrances. Specific doors are marked for entrance and exit.

• <u>Seating</u>: Please sit as close to the front as possible. Please keep a safe distance from those on either side of you and/or your family.

• <u>Holy Communion</u>: Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion wash and sanitize their hands before Mass begins and immediately before distribution of Holy Communion. When Extraordinary Ministers go to their station, they place the vessel on the small table near that station and sanitize their hands before distributing Holy Communion.

• <u>Reception of Holy Communion</u>: Remember to bow as the person before you receives Holy Communion (this is not new). While you do this, please take down your mask. Please hold your hands out as flat as possible to receive Holy Communion. After placing the host in your mouth, put your mask back up and return to your seat.



At Christmas we celebrate the light of Christ who comes into the world; he comes for everyone, not just for some. Today, in this time of darkness and uncertainty regarding the pandemic, various lights of hope appear, such as the discovery of vaccines. But for these lights to illuminate and bring hope to all, they need to be available to all. We cannot allow the various forms of nationalism closed in on themselves to prevent us from living as the truly human family that we are. Nor can we allow the virus of radical individualism to get the better of us and make us indifferent to the suffering of other brothers and sisters. I cannot place my-

self ahead of others, letting the law of the marketplace and patents take precedence over the law of love and the health of humanity. I ask everyone – government leaders, businesses, international organizations – to foster cooperation and not competition, and to seek a solution for everyone: vaccines for all, especially for the most vulnerable and needy of all regions of the planet. Before all others: the most vulnerable and needy! -Pope Francis, Ubi Et Orbi Message, December 25, 2020

## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE



# DAILY ROSARY WITH SR. ANN 10:00 AM ON ZOOM

Sr. Ann will be praying the Rosary daily at 10 AM via Zoom online. There also is a phone call-in option. All information is below. If you can, please pray with us.

Zoom Online Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85049396623?pwd= eTJJTkVNdEtTTDgxd3Q0eHQ0RG1CZz09



Meeting ID: 850 4939 6623 Passcode: 8780009 Dial by your location +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

NEW LINK AND Passcode

# **ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Are you an adult interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation? If you are a

baptized Catholic, but have not been fully initiated, we offer a process for those who desire to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.



For adults who desire more information, contact Seminarian Louis Cona at lcona@sjecm.org. For teenagers and their families who desire ore information, contact the Faith Formation Office at 631-878-0009 ext. 5 or email to faithformation@sjecm.org. HELP WANTED! EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Monday - Friday - 3PM - 7PM @ Seton Chapel

• As we begin a new year, consider offering one hour per week before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

• If you can be present for a specific hour, fill out this form: <u>https://forms.gle/</u>

<u>qrC4P6nyDRrJ4xpu5</u>, email Fr. John at jsureau@sjecm.org or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009. We can use some additional prayers at all hours.

• Parishioners are always welcome to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament even if they cannot make the regular hour commitment.

• Remember, when you enter Seton Chapel you must:

-wear a mask

-sanitize your hands

-sign in the Exposition Sign In Book

-keep distance (remember Seton Chapel has two rooms to assist with this).

Silence is God's first language. - St. John of the Cross



## **NEW UV LIGHTS ADDED**

During the week before Christmas, with the advice and direction of our HVAC company, UV lights were added to the heating and air conditioning system in the Church. These lights purify the air, remove bacteria and germs and viral compounds (including COVID-19). This is another step—in addition to the measures we are taking—to keep people safe and secure. In

addition, the UV lights assist in reducing cleaning and maintenance costs for the HVAC system. Thank you for your generosity and support.



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# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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Respect Life Group: Maria Sikora

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

## IF YOU ARE IN NEED, PLEASE REACH OUT

If we are unable to assist you directly, we will be more then happy to connect you to resources that can help. Our office hours in the Red Barn are:

During these days, please call to make an appointment. Our staff is here to serve you but not on campus at all times.

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.

# Help out those in need!



**Street Ministry** – serving the homeless in our area each week. Donations Needed: Adult Tee shirts + Adult Sweat Shirts + Adult Coats + Blankets you can put them in a bag-just remember to label it street ministry- and drop off in the green bins. Thank you!

## Ernie's Place Food Pantry - serving those in need on Mon. and Thurs.

Ernie's Place, SJE's Food Pantry Ministry, is beginning to manage with regular volunteers. We are looking for men and women age 18 and above to assist on Monday evenings and/or Thursday afternoons. While limited in the number of volunteers we can have in the pantry at one time, we would like have more available volunteers. If you're interested or would like some more information, please call the Parish Office or email to rectory@sjecm.org.

Donations Needed: Toilet paper + Jelly + Mustard + Ketchup + Mayo + Cooking Oil + Sugar + Flour

**Chicken Ministry** – taking care of God's creatures to provide for the poor! **Chicken Tenders Wanted**– We are looking for volunteers to help care for the chickens and their coop. Morning shift is before 8:00 am and evening shift is at dusk. Please contact Lynn and Mike Walsh for details. Lynnwalshlcsw@yahoo.com *Note: We are not taking any more egg crates.* 





*Thrift Shop* – provide garments, gems and great items for the local community Donations may only be left <u>in the green bins</u>. Anything left outside is discarded *Donations for all parish social ministries may be left in Fellowship Area of the Church or Rectory*.

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Weekly Scripture Reflection In the Gospel today, Jesus asks "What are you looking for?" Of-

ten, we are looking for happiness in very selfish ways, but we find that when we look for ways to make others happy, it is then that we truly become happy.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

To arrange for a large furniture pick up, click here: https://www.svdpli.org/get-involved/ donate/schedule-pickup/schedule-a-pick-upsuffolk-county/. <u>SJE DOES NOT ACCEPT</u> <u>FURNITURE ON CAMPUS.</u>

SJE is proud to have a St. Vincent de Paul Conference. We are always looking for new members. For more information, call 631.878.0009 or e-mail to <u>recto-</u> <u>ry(a sjeem.org</u> and your information will be shared with

## THE MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION NEEDS YOU!

The Ministry of Consolation currently has no members who speak Spanish. We are severely hampered in our efforts to assist the Hispanic community in planning the funerals for their loved ones. Families appreciate our assistance and we strive to offer EVERYONE our best service with understanding and compassion. In this ministry, you would work with our companions as a translator and/or assist as a companion yourself. There's plenty of support and a real team player is needed! (It's also possible to not join the ministry full time but just assist on an as -needed basis!)

If you are bilingual and are willing to consider joining us, please reach out to us by contacting the Rectory at <u>rectory@sjecm.org</u> or 631.878.0009. We would love to have you.

# **MONDAY MUSCLE**

The Thrift Shop is in need of some Monday morning muscle – even Sunday afternoon muscle. Can you help our volunteers by coming to "empty the bins"? For more details email <u>rectory@sjecm.org</u> or call the Parish Office.



## WONDERFUL WOODWORKER NEEDED



The Thrift Shop is in need of some new shelves for our housewares department! Do you have some nice display shelves we can use? Even better, are you good at building things like this and need an "at home" project?



## ERNIE'S PLACE

Ernie's place re-opened this fall. Soon, we are going to add an additional time slot for Ernie's Place – Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. This will allow those who are in need who come

to the Thrift Shop to utilize Ernie's Place and our other Parish Social Ministry services on Wednesday mornings. For more information about offering your time at Ernie's Place, please contact the Rectory at rectory@sjecm.org or call 631.878.0009.

## Background Screening Update The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People:

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) promulgated by the Bishops of the United States in 2002 outlines specific practices and guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. As directed in The Charter, the Diocese of Rock-ville Centre requires all employees, clergy, and volunteers to complete three requirements within thirty days of employment or volunteering:

## Attend Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)

Sign the Codes of Conduct;

Complete a background screen application. The Diocese requires all those who remain in active ministry be rescreened at 5 yr. intervals. volunteers/employees.

## A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OFPCYP) has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the three safe environment requirements in one step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

- Register to attend a Protecting God's Children class and create a Virtus account on the Virtus website: <u>www.Virtus.org</u>
  - Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct- provided during the Virtus registration process.
  - Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application background offered during the Virtus registration process.

## Active Volunteers:

If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus and have been background screened you may be at – or beyond- the *5yr. rescreening requirement*. If this is the case, you will receive an email from *Sterling Volunteers* asking you to complete the background screening application on-line. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account. *Please be aware-this is not a scam nor has your e-mail been hacked*. The OFPCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records and noted it is time for you to be rescreened. You may also be prompted to electronically resign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

## Edit Your Virtus Account:

To access your Virtus account: <u>www.Virtus.org</u> You will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or <u>helpdesk@virtus.org</u>. Once in your account, review your account information-particularly your e-mail address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side of your screen in the green column click "Update My Account" You will be able to make the necessary changes-please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

Questions or concerns: mmcmahon@drvc.org; amendoza-cantos@drvc.org; jwinter@drvc.org;

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Thank you to all who continue to serve in a ministry during these extremely challenging days

## Actualización de La Verificación de Antecedentes Oficina Para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes:

La Carta para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes (The Charter) promulgada por los obispos de los Estados Unidos en 2002 describe prácticas y pautas específicas que brindan estándares de seguridad en parroquias y diócesis en todo Estados Unidos. Como se indica en La Carta, la Diócesis de Rockville Center requiere que todos los empleados, clérigos y voluntarios completen tres requisitos dentro de los treinta días posteriores al empleo o al voluntariado:

## 1. Asistir al Programa de Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios (Virtus)

2. Firmar los Códigos de Conducta;

3. Completar una aplicación de verificación de antecedentes. La Diócesis requiere que todos aquellos que permanecen activos en ministerio sean re-evaluados nuevamente en un intervalo de 5 años. Voluntarios / empleados.

## Unas Palabras sobre la Investigación de Antecedentes de los Voluntarios:

La Oficina para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes (OPPNJ) ha simplificado el proceso de solicitud de voluntariado que permite a los voluntarios completar los tres requisitos de Ambientes Seguros en un solo paso. Personas que deseen ser voluntarias en una parroquia o escuela deben:

- 1. Regístrese para asistir a un taller de Protegiendo los Niños de Dios y crear una cuenta Virtus en el sitio web de Virtus: www.Virtus.org
- 2. Aceptar electrónicamente el Código de Conducta Diocesano- proporcionado durante el proceso de registro de Virtus.
- 3. Seguir las instrucciones para completar la solicitud de Investigación de Antecedentes de Sterling Volunteers que se ofrece durante el proceso de registro de Virtus.

## Voluntarios activos:

Si usted está activo en un ministerio parroquial, ya ha asistido a un taller de Virtus y sus antecedentes han sido evaluados, es posible que usted ya se haya pasado o está a punto del *requisito de reevaluación de cada 5 años*. Si este es el caso, usted recibirá un correo electrónico de *Sterling Volunteers* pidiéndole que complete la solicitud de investigación de antecedentes en línea. Usted puede acceder a la aplicación de investigación de antecedentes siguiendo las indicaciones del correo electrónico o entrando en su cuenta Virtus. **Tenga en cuenta que esto no es una estafa ni que su correo electrónico ha sido pirateado** (hacked). La OPPNJ ha estado trabajando con su parroquia para actualizar los registros de Ambiente Seguro y señaló que es hora de que usted sea re-evaluado. También se le puede pedir que nuevamente firme electrónicamente el Código de Conducta cuando entre a su cuenta de Virtus.

## Actualize su cuenta Virtus:

Para acceder a su cuenta Virtus: <u>www.Virtus.org</u> Usted necesitará su nombre de usuario y contraseña. Si necesita ayuda, comuníquese con Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 o <u>helpdesk@virtus.org</u>. Una vez entre a su cuenta, revise la información de su cuenta, particularmente su dirección de correo electrónico. Si su cuenta requiere una actualización, presione la pestaña TOOLBOX en la parte superior de la pantalla. En el lado izquierdo de la pantalla, en la columna verde, haga clic en "Actualizar mi cuenta". Podrá realizar los cambios necesarios; recuerde presionar el botón SAVE en la parte inferior de la pantalla.

Preguntas o inquietudes: <u>mmcmahon@drvc.org</u>; <u>amendoza-cantos@drvc.org</u>; <u>jwinter@drvc.org</u>; <u>pditomasso@drvc.org</u>

Gracias a todos los que continúan sirviendo en un ministerio en estos días extremadamente desafiantes.

## **PRAYER AND WORSHIP**

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**<u>Reading I:</u>** Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Jonah is sent to save Nineveh. <u>**Responsorial Psalm:**</u> PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, R. v.4a <u>Second Reading:</u> 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 The time is short. <u>**Gospel:**</u> Mark 1:14-20 Jesus begins his ministry in Galilee, calls the Apostles.



## **Discussion Questions**

1. Who are called to do God's work? Only "experienced sages"? What about the young boy Samuel? Even if you are not a "sage" (or a young boy), what is God calling you to do or be?

2 St. Paul asks, "do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you?" Are you always aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit? Name some promptings from the Spirit about how you can show reverence for the people in your life.

3. Jesus asked, "What are you looking for?" How would you answer such a question? There is a second "loaded" question, this time from the disciples: "Where are you staying"? It could be restated, "where can we spend time with you?" When the disciples took time with Jesus, did they find what they were looking for, even if just by instinct? Would this work for you?

# CANA CARE CREW HELP WANTED

We are looking for more volunteers to assist with the Cana Care Crew, particularly after Masses with the wipe down of the pews. If you and/or your family are willing to help, please fill out this



form, or see one of the volunteers in the orange shirts:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/ e/1FAIpQLSdpi1gbgQQV4NNXfgGuVnjV\_B5w X2cNHOtUWRoOjJkxgothvQ/viewform or email to rectory@sjecm.org

We provide the gloves, t-shirt, towels and cleaning solution. You provide the arm strength and the

# 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 for your 2020 statement. Statements will be available after January 20, 2021. You can have your form mailed to you, emailed to you or you may pick it up at the Rectory.



## Comunidad Hispano de San Juan Evangelista, Center Moriches

La Comunidad Hispana de nuestra Parroquia en Centro Moriches, te invita a celebrar la Santa Misa en Espanol los Sabados a las 7:30 p.m. en la Iglesia, y los Martes a las 7:30 p.m en La Capilla del Convento.

Te invitamos a compartir la Palabra de Dios en el Grupo de Oracion, todos los Viernes a las 7:30 p.m. en la Capilla del Convento de la Parroquia. Ven a enriquecer tu vida espiritual orando

## **MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS**

**Bautismos:** Segundo Domingo a las 2p.m. en la Iglesia. Clases pre-bautismos es el tercer miércoles de cada mes. **Favor de traer el certificado de nacimiento del niño dos meses antes del bautismo.** 

#### **Requisitos:**

1. Ĉertificado 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.

**R.I.C.A:** Padre Jaime- 1-631.878.0009

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

## EL MINISTERIO DE CONSOLACIÓN TE NECESITA

El Ministerio de Consolación actualmente no tiene miembros que hablen español. Nos vemos seriamente obstaculizados en nuestros esfuerzos por ayudar a la comunidad hispana a planificar los funerales de sus seres queridos. Las familias aprecian nuestra ayuda y nos esforzamos por ofrecer a TODOS nuestro mejor servicio con comprensión y compasión. En este ministerio, trabajaría con nuestros compañeros como traductor y / o ayudaría usted mismo como acompañante. Se necesita mucho apoyo y un verdadero jugador de equipo! (También no es necesario unirse al ministerio a tiempo completo, sino ayudar según sea necesario!)

Si es bilingüe y está dispuesto a considerar unirse a nosotros, comuníquese con nosotros comunicándose con la Rectoría en rectory@sjecm.org o 631.878.0009. Nos encantaría tenerte.

# Feligreses de la comunidad Hispana de St. Juan Evangelista en Centro Moriches

\*La subscripcion deben haceria en linea usando la pagina de http:://

www.stjohntheevangelist.com.

\*Hacer click en el cuadrito que dice "Baptisms."

\*Usted puede ver el video que sigue en la pagina siguiente, o puede ir en la parte superior al texto que dice: "click here to continue with the process".

\*Si no estas registrado como parroquiano de San Juan, deves hacer este paso primero, para que obtengas tu numero de parish ID.

\*Si ya estas registrado, usa tu numero de Parish ID, para que llenes el registrado con los datos de tu bebe.

# Permítanos ayudarlo!

**DESPENSA DE COMIDA DE ERNIE** Abierto - Lunes 6:30 p.m. a las 7:30 p.m. Jueves 1 p.m. a las 2 p.m.

**TIENDA DE SEGUNDA MANO** Miércoles - Red Barn Miércoles de 9 a.m. a 12 p.m.

MINISTERIO DE LA CALLE

Jueves - Estación de tren Mastic-Shirley 7:15 p.m. (aproximadamente) Comidas sencillas y ropa disponible.

## **COMIDA COMUNITARIA**

Último lunes del mes 6 p.m. Auditorio de la escuela DICIEMBRE - 21 de diciembre de 2020

También necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar a traducir para aquellos que lo necesiten

# **NEXT SUNDAY—WORD OF GOD SUNDAY**

# Next Sunday is Word of God Sunday. Take some time consider how you make use of the Bible and look for more information next week.

The passage below was written by Mary Elizabeth Sperry, Associate Director for Utilization of the New American Bible, and can be found on usccb.org

The Bible is all around us. People hear Scripture readings in church. We have Good Samaritan (Luke 10) laws, welcome home the Prodigal Son (Luke 15), and look for the Promised Land (Exodus 3, Hebrews 11). Some biblical passages have become popular maxims, such as "Do unto others as you would have



them do unto you (Matthew 7:12)," "Thou shalt not steal (Exodus 20:15), and "love thy neighbor" (Matthew 22:39).

Today's Catholic is called to take an intelligent, spiritual approach to the bible.

Listed here are 10 points for fruitful Scripture reading.

- 1. **Bible reading is for Catholics.** The Church encourages Catholics to make reading the Bible part of their daily prayer lives. Reading these inspired words, people grow deeper in their relationship with God and come to understand their place in the community God has called them to in himself.
- 2. **Prayer is the beginning and the end.** Reading the Bible is not like reading a novel or a history book. It should begin with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to the Word of God. Scripture reading should end with a prayer that this Word will bear fruit in our lives, helping us to become holier and more faithful people.
- 3. Get the whole story! When selecting a Bible, look for a Catholic edition. A Catholic edition will include the Church's complete list of sacred books along with introductions and notes for understanding the text. A Catholic edition will have an *imprimatur* notice on the back of the title page. An *imprimatur* indicates that the book is free of errors in Catholic doctrine.
- 4. **The Bible isn't a book. It's a library.** The Bible is a collection of 73 books written over the course of many centuries. The books include royal history, prophecy, poetry, challenging letters to struggling new faith communities, and believers' accounts of the preaching and passion of Jesus. Knowing the genre of the book you are reading will help you understand the literary tools the author is using and the meaning the author is trying to convey.
- 5. **Know what the Bible is and what it isn't.** The Bible is the story of God's relationship with the people he has called to himself. It is not intended to be read as history text, a science book, or a political manifesto. In the Bible, God teaches us the truths that we need for the sake of our salvation.
- 6. **The sum is greater than the parts.** Read the Bible in context. What happens before and after even in other books helps us to understand the true meaning of the text.
- 7. **The Old relates to the New.** The Old Testament and the New Testament shed light on each other. While we read the Old Testament in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus, it has its own value as well. Together, these testaments help us to understand God's plan for human beings.
- 8. You do not read alone. By reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture, Catholics join those faithful men and women who have taken God's Word to heart and put it into practice in their lives. We read the Bible within the tradition of the Church to benefit from the holiness and wisdom of all the faithful.
- 9. What is God saying to me? The Bible is not addressed only to long-dead people in a faraway land. It is addressed to each of us in our own unique situations. When we read, we need to understand what the text says and how the faithful have understood its meaning in the past. In light of this understanding, we then ask: What is God saying to me?
- 10. **Reading isn't enough.** If Scripture remains just words on a page, our work is not done. We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "living and

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## **PRAYING FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER**

## We Remember...

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

-Entrance Antiphon, Funeral Mass Rev. Joseph C. Coschignano, Salvatore DiPeri

## We Pray...

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

Glenn Probevahn, Laurence Alsano, Arthur Russo, Eileen Logiaco, Mr & Mrs Jospeh Cirigliano, Diana Guercio

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, PVT Joseph Cestare, PFC David Smith, PFC Jack Dyer, SPC Jarrad Satornino, PVT Michael Garcia Jr., SPC Daniel Sisco

**US Air Force** 

SSgt. Jason M. Hermes, SSgt Ryan Kerstiens, SSgt Timothy Kerstiens, PFC Kyle Kerstiens, MAJ Salvatore Sferrazza

**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.

## **US Coast Guard**

SR Brendan J. Bernath, Capt. Keith Donohue 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

**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 memory of Peter J Cenotti

## **STEWARDSHIP**

# **GIVE YOUR GIFTS ONLINE.**



Support St. John today using your debit, credit cards, checking, or savings accounts.



and click Give Online.



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# Looking for daily inspiration?

Call extension 185 (631-878-0009)

Call each day for a prayer, spiritual reflection, or Scripture reading from Fr. John or Seminarian Louis

Share it with those who might need a lift - anyone can call from anywhere!

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## PREPARING FOR THE WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 18, 2021 + Weekday			
7:00 a.m.	Special Intention- Lisa Ringhoff		
12 Noon	Michael Wojtacki		
Tuesday, January 19, 2021 + Weekday			
7:00 a.m.	Rev. Joseph C. Coschignano		
12 Noon	Rev. Msgr. John A. Alesandro		
7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available		
Wednesday, January 20, 2021 + Weekday			
7:00 a.m.	Intention Still Available		
12 Noon	Michael Wojtacki		
Thursday, January 21, 2021 + St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr			
7:00 a.m.	Intention Still Available		
12 Noon	Tom Blomberg		
Friday, January 22, 2021 + Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children			
7:00 a.m.	Christopher Bowman		
12 Noon	Barbara Tanoff		
Saturday, January 23, 2021 + Weekday			
8:00 a.m.	Intention Still Available		
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time			

## Mass of Anticipation

5:00 p.m.	Millie & Joe Consiglio		
7:30 p.m.	The People of the Parish		
Sunday			
8:00 a.m.	Peter & Joseph Musimesi		
10:00 a.m	Justen Cordes		
12:00 p.m.	Barbara Tanoff		
6:00 p.m.	Frank Cennamo		

# MEETINGS OF THE WEEK RBMR—Red Barn—1st Floor Mtg. Room/RBUR—Upper Room SC -Seton Chapel Monday, January 18, 2021 6:45 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous RB 3—7 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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3—7 p.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	SC	
7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour for Priest Prayer Group	SC	
7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Cafeteria	
Tuesday, January 19, 2021			
6:45 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RB	
3—7 p.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	SC	
7:00 p.m.	Divine Will Prayer Group	Auditorium	
7:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation	Faculty Rm.	
Wednesday, January 20, 2021			
6:45 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RB	
9:00 a.m.	Thrift Shop Open	Thrift Shop	
3—7 p.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	SC	
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Baptismal Class	RBMR	
7:00 p.m.	Imagine NA	Cafeteria	
Thursday, January 21, 2021			
6:45 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RB	
3—7 p.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	SC	
4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	RBMR	
7:00 p.m.	Street Ministry	Convent	
Friday, January 22, 2021			
6:45 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RB	
3—7 p.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	SC	
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	SC	
7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	RBMR	
Saturday, January 23, 2021			
6:45 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RB	
9:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	SC	
7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Cafeteria	
Sunday, January 24, 2021			
6:45 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RB	



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## **PASTORAL TEAM**

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**Reverend Jaime Calderon-Hernandez** *Parochial Vicar* 

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**Louis Cona** *Pastoral Year Seminarian* 

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Katie Waller Business Manager

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## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

(in the Blue House) Monday – Thursday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Friday – Saturday 9 a.m. – 2p.m. We ask that you call before visiting any parish offices.

# Come and pray with us! SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Evening

5 p.m. + 7:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass) (Saturday Evening 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Masses will be livestreamed. Videos remain on Facebook after the live broadcast.)

## Sunday

**Church:** 8:00 a.m. + 10:00 a.m. + 12 Noon + 6:00 p.m. Please call the Rectory or check SJE Social Media for latest updates.

## WEEKDAY MASS

Monday—Friday: 7:00 a.m. + 12 Noon Tuesday: 7:30 p.m. (Spanish—Seton Chapel) Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m. (The 7 a.m. Daily Mass will be livestreamed. Videos remain on Facebook after the live broadcast.)

# Come and know God's Mercy!

We celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**: <u>Monday—Friday:</u> After the 7 a.m. and 12 Noon Masses <u>Saturday:</u> After the 8 a.m. Mass <u>Saturday:</u> 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. + 7:00—7:15 p.m. (Spanish) <u>Sunday:</u> 5:30—5:45 p.m. *Confessions will now take place in Our Lady's Chapel in the Church.* 

# Come and know God's healing of the sick!

Please contact the Rectory (631.878.0009, x. 9) for a priest to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick with the seriously ill or those preparing for surgery.

# Give us a call!

A daily spiritual message is recorded each day for you to hear. Call 631.878.0009, x. 185. Share this with family members and friends who are homebound.

# Come to know Mary, Our Lady Queen of Apostles

All are invited to pray the Rosary after Daily Mass in the Church. In addition we pray the Rosary via Zoom each morning at 10 a.m. Zoom Online Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85049396623? pwd=eTJJTkVNdEtTTDgxd3Q0eHQ0RG1CZz09 Meeting ID: 850 4939 6623 Passcode: 8780009 Zoom Phone #: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York) Extra Rosary beads are available at the doors of the Church and Seton Chapel. Not sure how to

pray the Rosary? Click <u>here</u>— or click here and pray online—<u>https://www.youtube.com/</u> watch?v=VtJM\_V8scoo

# Come to know Mary, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

The Miraculous Medal Novena is prayed on Mondays after the 7 a.m. and 12 Noon Masses. Booklets are provided. We ask that you take the booklet and keep it, bringing it back each Monday. You can also view it online here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zfrp55orahg.

# Come to the quiet!

The church building and Seton Chapel (located in the white convent building) are open from Monday - Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. + Sunday: 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

All who visit must sign in, wash their hands in the bathroom or use sanitizer before entering the worship space, and keep a safe social distance from others.

# Come and spend some time with the Lord!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in Seton Chapel Mondays —Fridays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. All are invited to quiet times of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament when the Church and Seton Chapel are open.





# **Come pray the Liturgy of the Hours!**

The communal celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours is postponed until further notice. Those who wish to pray may visit unviersalis.com or you can click <u>here</u> for Ibreviary or scan the QR code to the left. You may also download the app for your iphone or android device. Those who wish to pray may pick up a *Christian Prayer* book from the lobby of Seton Chapel to keep in these days.

coronavirus emergency www.ebreviary.com



All are encouraged to stay connected with our local and global church through the Catholic Faith Network (CFN).

**CFN** is available on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Charter Spectrum channel 162/471 and can be accessed via catholicfaithnetwork.org

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