



# 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



### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men. - Matthew 4:19*





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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

### Letting Go of the Nets

# FOLLOWER

Dear Parish Family:

I love to read. One of my problems is that if I read one book and that author cites or recommends another book I usually get that book and then if that author recommends a book I get that book....and well they start to fill up my bookshelf. I wish I could say I get to them all. It's a work in progress.

In reading a book recently the author recommended a writer I have always found challenging and, honestly, overwhelming—Henri Nouwen. He died a number of years ago but efforts have been made to go through his writings. The latest book entitled, *Following Jesus: Finding Our Way Home in an Age of Anxiety*, has pushed, prodded and pulled me. There are times I read certain sentences and I have to catch my breath. You probably have a few authors like that too.

Fear and anxiety are inevitable, I suppose. There are times we are stopped in our tracks. Now what? Where do I turn? How do I take the next step? How will I ever get through this? Over the past few years I find I struggle more with anxiety than I care to admit. Part of it is the responsibility of the work I am involved with. Part of it is that I probably care too much. Part of it is that the unknown is already a little fearful. Part of it—and probably the largest part—I don't trust enough.

Writing about a similar passage to today's Gospel, Nouwen writes, "The disciples had a mentality of scarcity and so do we...when we are concerned that there isn't enough, our first response is to start hoarding. We start hoarding the bread, the fish. Hoarding honor. Hoarding affection (people/relationships), hoarding knowledge. Hoarding ideas" (38-39).

Are you a hoarder? I'm not. I give things away. I don't have a lot stuff (except the books!). Or am I a hoarder after all? Do I hold on to too much of what I am about or who is in my life or my status or position or whatever it may be? Truthfully, if I am holding on to those things there is often no room for me to grab on to Christ.

So you know the next step, right? Letting go. Speaking of himself he says, "If I hold on to a friend or if I hold on to an idea, I find myself anxious and nervous. Why do I choose this? Do something different! Something happens. Something totally new" (42).

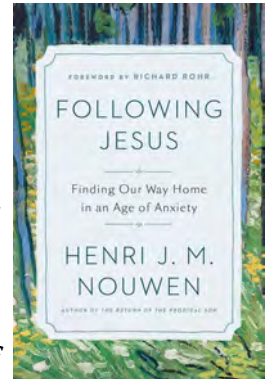
I do not know if I want something new. Sometimes fear and anxiety almost become too comfortable, become what we're used to living with. How can I not be possessive or afraid or overwhelmed or fearful?

What's the answer? It's in verse 19 of the gospel passage— "Come after me...". It is not about imitation. It is not about dramatic turns. It is not about self righteous behavior. It is not about turning to a different time and place. Simply it is "about a movement that comes from the heart...from the deepest place of our person" (47). It is not a cookie-cutter response. It is a unique response for each of us.

For some it might mean getting out of a boat or dropping our nets. For others it is giving space to someone we love. For others it is letting go of something we are working so hard to control. For others it is about looking to the Lord instead of everywhere else. It is about asking Jesus to help us find our own unique way to fully follow, to fully trust Him.

In the school, we teach a lot about being a leader, not a follower. It's a good concept and important for each one of us to consider in this world in which we live. In the spiritual life perhaps a little bit more following (and trusting) and a little less leading (and managing) might bring us some peace. It might just set us free.

Please pray for me. I promise the same.



## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD



*"The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth. Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his Church in this world would remain incomprehensible. Hence, Saint Jerome could rightly claim: 'Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ' (Commentary on the Book of Isaiah, Prologue: PL 24,17B)."*

-Pope Francis, *"APERUIT ILLIS"* - INSTITUTING THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD, #1

On the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, Pope Francis called us to focus on the Word of God. While this does not overtake the liturgical day, it calls us in a special way to focus on the importance of the Scripture in our lives as Catholics. (It's similar to Divine Mercy Sunday, for example. We still celebrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter but have a particular focus on the divine mercy of God.)

It is a good day for us to consider how significant the Bible is in our own lives – if at all. It is important to remember that "the Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures just as she venerates the body of the Lord, since, especially in the sacred liturgy, she unceasingly receives and offers to the faithful the bread of life from the table both of God's word and of Christ's body" (Dei Verbum 21). Aware of God's presence in the Word, do we

- Give honor to God's Word?
- Have a Bible?
- Read the Scriptures to better know God's revelation?
- Pray with the Scriptures, perhaps praying with the reading of the day?
- Let the Word touch each of our senses?
- Listen to the Word proclaimed at Mass?
- Allow ourselves to become distracted?

Perhaps these are some good things to consider this weekend as well as how we might grow more and more in love with the Word of God.

Beginning this weekend, you will notice a great attention paid to the Word of God at our liturgical celebrations. In the weeks ahead we will begin using the **Book of the Gospels**. This book contains all of the Gospel passages we use at Sunday liturgies and on solemnities. You may have noticed that we use it during Confirmation and during the Sacred Paschal Triduum. This will take some time to get used to but it will be an opportunity for us, as a parish, to better focus on the Word of God, most especially in the proclamation of the Gospel.

It really will not change too much at Mass. The reader will walk in with this book during the procession and place it on the altar. During the Gospel acclamation (Alleluia or another acclamation that is used during Lent), the priest or deacon will take the book from the altar and process with it to the Ambo. It is an opportunity for us to give greater reverence to God's Word during the Liturgy of the Word.

You know the hope, right? The hope is what we do at Mass will correlate to how we practice our faith. We hope the greater reverence of the Word of God at Mass may help us to better reverence the Word of God outside of Mass by both reading the Bible and putting its words into action!







# 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!

### 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!

**GRADES  
PreK-8**



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## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord — This Thursday, February 2

*"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." - Luke 2:29-32*



The Presentation of the Lord pulls many favorite mementos from the Catholic cupboard: candles, blessings, Christmas, and church. The Mass of February 2 begins with a blessing of lighted candles held by the faithful, who glow with the memory of the birth of Jesus. The origins of the feast lie in ancient Jewish custom. On the 40th day after childbirth, parents brought the infant to the Temple to present it to the Lord and to purify the mother. St. Luke tells us that Joseph and Mary sacrificed two birds for the occasion after the birth of Jesus. Count up 40 days after Christmas and you'll come to February 2.

Until the 1960s, we used to call this day "The Purification of Mary." The title changed for several reasons. We no longer believe that women who give birth need purification, and the true significance of the feast concerns Jesus coming to the Temple. He is the Promised One, whose light will shine, beaming rays of hope to all the world. Also on the old calendar, this feast closed the Christmas season. Now we end the Christmas season with the Baptism of the Lord. So, even though the date for the Presentation still depends on Christmas, it has become a feast of Ordinary Time.

Since it is a feast of the Lord, it takes precedence even when it falls on Sunday.

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During Masses on Saturday evening and on Sunday, we will bless candles which can be used in the home. The candles remind us of the words that the prophet Simeon used when he said that Jesus was a light for the nations. You may bring candles from your home. We invite you to take a set of Candlemas candles home and use them for special occasions. They will be available after all the Masses and after that in the rectory. We ask for a \$5 offering to cover the cost of the candles.

## MUSIC MINISTRIES @ SJE

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

### Hymns for this week:

#854 - O Christ the Great Foundation

#705 - Holy God We Praise Thy Name

#839— Blest Are They

#757 - Amazing Grace

# WE LOVE BABIES AND BAPTISMS!

## BELONGING MINISTRY

### *Preparing Families for Baptism.*

*A few weeks ago, members of our Belonging Ministry spoke about the possibility of getting even more involved in preparing our parents and young families for the Sacrament of Baptism. Here is the sign up form. Cut it out from the bulletin or email to [shirleyautobody@aol.com](mailto:shirleyautobody@aol.com) or to [mplona@sjecm.org](mailto:mplona@sjecm.org).*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*So you want to help with Baptism Prep? Please check the areas that you are interested in!*

#### \_\_\_\_ **Lead or help lead a Belonging Class.**

This includes having the TV set up and playing the different segments on the Belonging DVD as well as ensuring the coffee machine is all set up. Bringing some snacks is always a plus too! This position requires a warm, friendly personality and an ability to make our couples and their children feel welcome here at St. John's!

#### \_\_\_\_ **Help with Baptism Rehearsals**

Baptism rehearsals are held on the first Monday of the month in the church at 7PM. This is a great way for our couples to get to know and see you. They can't say they don't know anyone here anymore because of you! You will also help them to know what to expect at their Baptism by sharing some experiences of having your children baptized in the Church. Again, big smiles and warm attitudes go a long way here!

#### \_\_\_\_ **Help at Baptisms**

Okay, we've made it to the big day and the couples now get to share the joy of having their children baptized with you! You can help our couples in simple ways by helping move them around during the Baptism, help lead them in the response to the prayers and being a warm presence to them. Baptisms are held at SJE on most Sundays at 2pm.

#### \_\_\_\_ **Phone Calls**

Don't like getting up in front of people? Not sure if you're the warm, welcoming type, but still want to help? Great news! We need people to call up our couples after the Baptism itself to see how everything is going now because Baptism is not one isolated event, but the beginning of a relationship with Jesus and His Church. This position requires volunteers to "follow-up" with our couples, listen to positive experiences and also concerns so we can do better, and always letting people know that their place of belonging is in our parish.

*If you would like to know more, please call or text Anthony Posanti at 631-384-5272 or e-mail to [shirleyautobody@aol.com](mailto:shirleyautobody@aol.com) or [mplona@sjecm.org](mailto:mplona@sjecm.org).*



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SJE!

Whether you are young or not so young, you'll have a great time at our annual...

# SJE Mardi Gras!

*(The great feast before the Lenten fast begins!)*

## Sunday, February 23, 2020

**Want to help  
plan Mardi Gras?**

E-mail Fr. John at  
[jsureau@sjecm.org](mailto:jsureau@sjecm.org)  
For information about  
our first planning  
meeting!

**1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**School Auditorium**

**Immediately following the 12  
Noon Mass**



### *Family Life Ministry*

Mercy Sunday–  
January 26th .

**Paint N Sip (Hot Cocoa) at  
Oasis Rehab**



Meeting at Oasis in Center Moriches Sunday Jan.  
26th after 9 am mass. ( Approximately 10:30 am).

Families can help residents at Oasis as we teach  
them how to Paint a snowman. All supplies will  
be provided. Children/Families are welcome to  
make their own as they spend time with the  
residents.

Help us by spending time with the elderly.

For more information contact Linda Filosa at  
[lindalos3@optonline.net](mailto:lindalos3@optonline.net)

**-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!**





## 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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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:

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

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 6:15 p.m. at the convent. At 7:15 p.m. vans leave SJE and return around 8:30. 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.

*St. John the Evangelist*

## Community Meal

**Join us Monday, January 27, 2020  
in the Red Barn at St. John the Evangelist Church in Center Moriches.**

The Meal will consist of a home-made dinner from **6:00PM-8:00PM**. If you are in need of toiletries or clothes, please let a volunteer know!

**If you are interested in cooking a meal or volunteering, please reach out to Alex Finta at [afinta@sjecm.org](mailto:afinta@sjecm.org)**



## SENIOR MINISTRY

Sister Ann Berendes, IHM—[aberendes@sjecm.org](mailto:aberendes@sjecm.org) +  
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Why is it that so few seniors sign up for activities that we offer here at the Church? I know some of us wait until the last minute but if I am not offering things that entice you, perhaps you can suggest something that you'd like us to offer. In trying to plan activities, often things have to be ordered and it would make it easier for us if we know who might be coming.

Soon we will be starting a new support group for those who have lost a loved one through death or divorce and although those two areas seem dissimilar it is amazing that often they are not. If you are hurting and people (friends, family) tell you that you should "be over it" they do not really understand the emotions involved in loss. A support group is just that—those present understand and will not expect you to speak if you are not comfortable; but everyone understands and will NEVER discourage your feelings. Since we do use a journal book, a number attending is important.

Perhaps you have seen the notice of a one-day retreat of *Walking with Mary during Lent*. Since lunch is included, a number is important.

Our Thursday morning group (which meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday) at 10:00 in the IHM Room of the convent, will begin the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of January. We will be reading *God Isn't Finished With Me Yet*, by Barbara Lee, a book helping us to discover the spiritual graces of later life.

Having trouble with balance? Try our Tuesday morning T'ai Chi Che for 40 minutes. It does wonders!

We will also have Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent in Seton Chapel. Time will be given next week.

Please help me to help all those who now have time because you have an "empty nest."

Have a blessed day and week. Consider coming to find out what others have found so helpful. God bless you.

P. S. Day Haven offers a program called Our Place Memory Café in Riverhead, in Hotel Indigo, 1830 W. Main Street. Their next meeting is Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. It is a free program; for more information, call Lori (631) 585-2020 ext. 261.

There is a Caregiver Support Group at Ss. Peter and Paul Church, 781 Wading River Rd., Manorville on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. It is FREE. .



# 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.

**ATTENTION:  
TEENS AND  
PARENTS!**

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:jsureau@sjecm.org).

### YES!!! Sign me up for the Youth Service Corps at SJE-

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

As of September 2019, I am in (list grade)

\_\_\_\_ Middle School \_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_ College

## CYO News

**Come cheer on  
our 8th Grade  
Girls in their  
first round of  
playoffs:**



*Saturday, February 1st*

*@ 1:15 P.M.*

*OLQA Gym*

## Annual Telethon



# CFN

CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK

The Catholic Faith Network Telethon is the weekend of **Saturday, February 8th** from **2PM -10PM** and **Sunday, February 9th** from **12PM to 10PM**. Please tune in on Cablevision channel 29/137, Time Warner Channel 471 or Verizon FiOS channel 296 to support our Diocesan Television Station. It will be 18 hours filled with many guest "stars" including many of the clergy, religious and dedicated lay people of our Diocese. Additionally, visits from celebrity chefs and musical groups will help fuel the enjoyment. Join Msgr. Jim Vlaun for the Catholic Faith Network Telethon and consider making a donation by phone or a secure donation over the internet at [www.cfntv.org](http://www.cfntv.org).

## FAITH FORMATION

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

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation for our Level 2 students will be celebrated at the following days and times (students are assigned class name):

**Wednesday, January 29, 2020—Church**

**5:00PM – 2A, 2B, 2E**

**7:30PM – 2C, 2D, 2F**

**Thursday, January 30, 2020—Church**

**5:00PM – 2H, 2J, 2K**

**7:30PM – 2G, 2L**



*Please attend your assigned date/time, accompanying your child to the church and remaining with them for the Reconciliation service. In addition to the children, all present are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.*

First Reconciliation for our **Heritage** (non-traditional-age) students will be celebrated:

**Saturday, February 1, 2020 @ 11:30AM, Church**

### FAITH & HOME LIFE

Our Level 8 parents were blessed to have Mr. Bob Scott—theology teacher at St. John the Baptist High School and father of seven children—speak at our latest Level 8 meeting about Catholic Parenting in the 21st century.



## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

*Lent 2020 – Novena of Grace*

**March 4—12, 2020**

**Get ready to grow deeper in God's love!**



## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### ALTAR SOCIETY

Do you love to iron? Do great things with a can of starch? Love laundry?

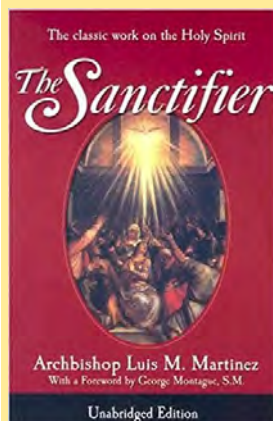
Then, the ALTAR SOCIETY might be for you!

Each week, members of the altar society serve the Church by taking care of the linens used for the Celebration of the Eucharist. They take them from the Sacristy, care for them, wash and launder them, iron them and then return them to the Sacristy for the weekend ahead.

If you think this might be one way you can offer your gifts to the life of the Church, contact the Parish Office at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).



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

## 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](mailto:p-chavez@hotmail.com) para el próximo paso a seguir. Gracias.

## 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

**Sunday 1/19/20: \$14,295**  
(2019: \$12,603)

### CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED



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We are looking for parishioners who would be willing to assist with a weekly cleaning of the church building which would include light mopping, sweeping, window cleaning, and checking hymnals and the like in the pews.

The cleaning takes place after the 12 Noon Mass on Thursdays. We are looking for individuals, couples, friends or even strangers to join our amazing crew of volunteers.

If interested—or know someone who should be interested—contact Fr. John at 631.878.0009 or email to [jsureau@sjecm.org](mailto:jsureau@sjecm.org).



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

**Reading I:** Malachi 3:1-4

*The Lord will send his messenger.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 2:14-18

*Jesus was fully human.*

**Gospel:** Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

*Jesus is brought to the temple by Mary and Joseph.*

### Discussion Questions

1. Pope Francis reminds us that being Christian ultimately means, not so much doing new things, but allowing ourselves to be re-newed by the Holy Spirit. Do you think that the “messenger of the covenant” promised by God in this reading would have been filled with the Holy Spirit? Discuss: Who was this promised messenger?
2. “Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.” Does this mean that Jesus understands every human pain and suffering that we experience? How do you feel about this? To whom do you turn when things aren’t going well?
3. Simeon and Anna were not part of the formal temple personnel. How was it that they recognized Jesus as the “light for revelation to the Gentiles.” Were they listening to the Holy Spirit? In this instance how did it work for them?



**SJE+125**

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



## 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:** Hanna Rose Camaro, Nicholas Michel Forte, Bennett Joseph Lafond  
Leonardo Vincent Paganica, Emilio Tanzillo

### We Remember ...

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

### We Pray...

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

**Alice Clavin, Carol Liguori, Nicholas Sarubbi, Susan Ruffini, Barbara Parent**

**Senja Mazzola, Michael Randazzo, Patricia Foley, Joan Huey, Thomas Taylor**

**Elizabeth Soto, Tony & Janice Pruzzi, Michael Nostitz, George Martin, Dominc Pironti**

*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.



## 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

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Angelo Rollo



# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

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IN ACTION**

SEMINARY OF THE  
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## QUO VADIS HOLY HOUR

**JANUARY 31, 2020**

7:00 PM DOORS OPEN

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### 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.

## PREPARING FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

### MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

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

#### Monday, January 27, 2020

4:30 p.m.	FF Classes	School
6:00 p.m.	Community Meal	RBMR
7:15 p.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena	Seton Chapel

#### Tuesday, January 28, 2020

9:30 a.m.	Bible Study	RBMR
4:30 p.m.	FF Classes	School
6:00 p.m.	OLQA First Reconciliation	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 29, 2020

9:00 a.m.	Thrift Shop Open	Thrift Shop
5:00 p.m.	First Reconciliation	Church
6:00 p.m.	Scouts 1227	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
7:30 p.m.	First Reconciliation	Church

#### Thursday, January 30, 2020

4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	RBMR
5:00 p.m.	First Reconciliation	Church
7:00 p.m.	OLQA Open House	Auditorium
7:30 p.m.	First Reconciliation	Church
8:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium

#### Friday, January 31, 2020

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

#### Saturday, February 1, 2020

7:30 a.m.	First Saturday Devotions	Cafeteria
8:30 a.m.	FF Classes	School
9:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	Seton Chapel
12, 1:15PM	CYO Game	Auditorium
5:45 p.m.	Spanish Youth Group	RBMR

### BRINGING UP THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE

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

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Monday, January 27, 2020

Weekday

St. Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder

7:00 a.m. Kevin O'Brien Jr.

12 Noon Thomas H. McAdam

#### Tuesday, January 28, 2020

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m. Robert Taylor

12 Noon Daniel McNulty

7:30 p.m. Intention Still Available

#### Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Weekday

7:00 a.m. James F. McShane

12 Noon Intention Still Available

#### Thursday, January 30, 2020

Weekday

7:00 a.m. Ann Harburger

12 Noon Betty Harrington

#### Friday, January 31, 2020

St. John Bosco, Priest

7:00 a.m. Eleanor Bindel

8:30 a.m. OLQA School Mass

12 Noon Intention Still Available

#### Saturday, February 1, 2020

Weekday

8:00 a.m. Ashley DeLuca

### The Presentation of the Lord

#### Mass of Anticipation

5:00 p.m. Michael Fusco

7:30 p.m. Kamilla Motya

#### Sunday

7:30 a.m. Rosemarie Kendall

9:00 a.m. Lynn Gallagher

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

12:00 p.m. Margot Hinner

5:30 p.m. Vito Cudia