



# St. John the Evangelist

## Roman Catholic Church

*Inspired by our Patron, St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Center Moriches seeks to bring the light of Christ to a world in need, so that as Christ has done, we may also do. From the celebration of the Eucharist, we are sent forth to serve God and neighbor through ministries of formation, education and outreach.*

—Mission Statement



## The Epiphany of the Lord

*Then they opened their treasures  
and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh - Matthew 2:11*



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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

## National Migration Week

### Two Four Popes

Dear Parish Family:

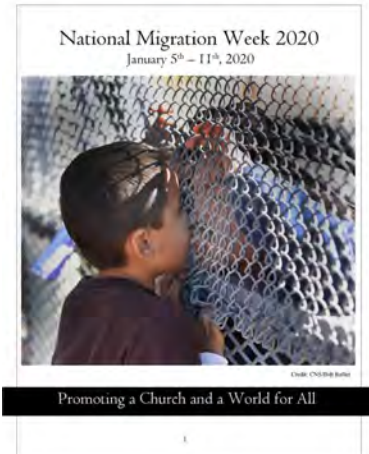
Each year with the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, the Church in the United States leads us to a reflection on the plight of immigrants and refugees in our country and our world. With the Gospel from the Feast of the Holy Family (Matthew 2:13-23) proclaimed in this year's cycle of readings and the Gospel of today, the Scriptures draw us more deeply to reflect upon this issue.

Like all moral issues, there is strong opinion on many "sides", a strength of opinion that in the negative to hatred, resistance to dialogue, pain, marginalization and anger (among many others). Inside and outside of the Church, this is challenging issue to discern and debate regardless of one's opinion. The truth...if there was one perfect solution to the challenges of migrants and refugees in this country or others we would all probably take it.

I know there is a lot of buzz about the recent Netflix movie, *The Two Popes*. Working off of that title, I want to use the words of four popes to give us, as Catholics, some opportunity to reflect on this issue in light of the teaching of the Church which we seek to follow:

*"We cannot insist too much on the duty of giving foreigners a hospitable reception. It is a duty imposed by human solidarity and by Christian charity, and it is incumbent upon families and educational institutions in the host nations....Emigrant workers should also be given a warm welcome. Their living conditions are often inhuman, and they must scrimp on their earnings in order to send help to their families who have remained behind in their native land in poverty."*

- Pope St. Paul VI, *Populorum Progressio*, 67, 69



*"The Church considers the problem of illegal migrants from the standpoint of Christ, who died to gather together the dispersed children of God (cf. Jn 11:52), to rehabilitate the marginalized and to bring close those who are distant, in order to integrate all within a communion that is not based on ethnic, cultural or social membership, but on the common desire to accept God's word and to seek justice. "God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him" (Acts 10:34-35)."*

*The Church acts in continuity with Christ's mission. In particular, she asks herself how to meet the needs, while respecting the law of those persons who are not allowed to remain in a national territory. She also asks what the right to emigrate is worth without the corresponding right to immigrate. She tackles the problem of how to involve in this work of solidarity those Christian communities frequently infected by a public opinion that is often hostile to immigrants."*

— Pope St. John Paul II, *Message for World Migration Day*, 3

*"Certainly every state has the right to regulate migration and to enact policies dictated by the general requirements of the common good, albeit always in safeguarding respect for the dignity of each human person. The right of persons to migrate – as the Council's Constitution [Gaudium et Spes](#), No. 65, recalled – is numbered among the fundamental human rights, allowing persons to settle wherever they consider best for the realization of their abilities, aspirations and plans. In the current social and political context, however, even before the right to migrate, there is need to reaffirm the right not to emigrate, that is, to remain in one's homeland... Today in fact we can see that many migrations are the result of economic instability, the lack of essential goods, natural disasters, wars and social unrest. Instead of a pilgrimage filled with trust, faith and hope, migration then becomes an ordeal undertaken for the sake of survival, where men and women appear more as victims than as agents responsible for the decision to migrate."*

-Pope Benedict XVI, *Message of His Holiness for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees*, 2013



*"Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid!" (Mt 14:27). It is not just about migrants: it is also about our fears. The signs of meanness we see around us heighten "our fear of 'the other', the unknown, the marginalized, the foreigner... We see this today in particular, faced with the arrival of migrants and refugees knocking on our door in search of protection, security and a better future. To some extent, the fear is legitimate, also because the preparation for this encounter is lacking" (Homily in Sacrofano, 15 February 2019). But the problem is not that we have doubts and fears. The problem is when they condition our way of thinking and acting to the point of making us intolerant, closed and perhaps even – without realizing it – racist. In this way, fear deprives us of the desire and the ability to encounter the other, the person different from myself; it deprives me of an opportunity to encounter the Lord (cf. Homily at Mass for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 14 January 2018).*



-Pope Francis—Messages for Day of Migrants and Refugees, 2019

Led by the star, the foreigners from the East alert the world to the presence of the newborn King. Aware of their need to go "another way" to avoid Herod, let us pray for those who are refugees and migrants and pray for the wisdom to discern our faith-filled response to their needs as a parish, community, country and world.

*Feather*

Please pray for me.

## EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

*When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung. The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply, "Amen." The leader greets those present in the following words:*

Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God forever.

**R/.** Blessed be God forever.

*In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:*

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

*One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 19:1-9:*

Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham."



# EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

*The intercessions are then said:*

**Leader:** The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

**R/.** Stay with us, Lord.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head. We pray:

**R/.** Stay with us, Lord.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing. We pray:

**R/.** Stay with us, Lord.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray:

**R/.** Stay with us, Lord.



*After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer. The leader says the prayer of blessing with hands joined:*

Lord God of heaven and earth, You revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them (us) with the light of Christ, that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**R/.** Amen.

*The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:*

May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.

**R/.** Amen.

**We Three Kings**

John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1857

1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are: Bear - ing gifts we trav - erse a - far. Refrain

Field and four - tain, moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star. Oh, —

star of won - der, star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

West - ward lead - ing, Still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign. Refrain

Glorious now behold Him arise;  
King and God and sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Sounds through the earth and skies. Refrain

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Following the blessing, the leader or another family member marks in chalk "20 + C + M + B + 20" or place the card distributed at Mass above the door.

*It is preferable to end the celebration with a suitable song, for example, "O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "We Three Kings."*

**Send pictures of your Epiphany House Blessing to [jsureau@sjecm.org](mailto:jsureau@sjecm.org) or bulletin [@sjecm.org](mailto:@sjecm.org)**

January 5, 2020

## Christmas Decoration Clean Up

Sunday, January 12, 2020

All hands on deck!

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



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

We are getting ready for the Christmas Clean Up – Sunday, January 12, 2020– at 1 p.m. We need you! (Please note if the weather is not looking good for Sunday, we may do this on the Saturday before. Please e-mail Fr. John at [jsureau@sjecm.org](mailto:jsureau@sjecm.org) if you plan to help so we can let you know if we change the date.



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

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

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



# EAST END HOLY HOUR

ADORATION, CONFESSION,  
21+ SOCIAL AND A FIRE PIT

DATES FOR 2020

JANUARY 9

FEBRUARY 13

MARCH 12

APRIL 6

MAY 14

JUNE 11

JULY 9

AUGUST 13

SEPTEMBER 10

OCTOBER 8

NOVEMBER 12

DECEMBER 10

← **THIS THURSDAY!!!!**

IN THE CONVENT  
AT ST. JOHN'S ON  
THE SECOND  
THURSDAY OF THE  
MONTH

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST R.C. CHURCH  
25 OCEAN AVE.  
CENTER MORICHES, NY 11934



# 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**



**2 ST JOHN'S PLACE CENTER MORICHES**

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**OLQA Annual**  
*Super Bowl Pre-Game Party*  
**Chinese Auction**

**Saturday, January 25, 2020**

**OLQA School Gymnasium**

**6 p.m.—9 p.m.**

**Advanced Tickets required**

\$25 per person includes  
admission to Chinese Auction,  
Buffet, DJ and Dancing!

21 & Over

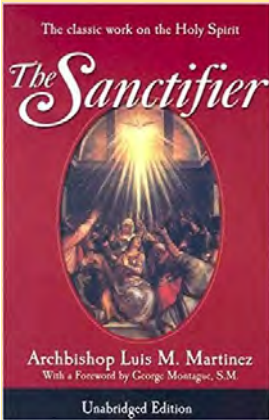
Beer & Wine-Cash Bar



*To get tickets or for more  
information contact 631.878.1033  
or e-mail*

*[chineseauction@olqany.org](mailto:chineseauction@olqany.org)*

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



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

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

*Facilitators: Anita Luccari and Carol Ketcham*

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

## ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS!

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

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

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT UPDATES AND TRAINING

As you know SJE is committed to making our work and ministry environments as safe and secure as possible.

### ALL VOLUNTEERS

- MUST be VIRTUS trained and have completed all introductory paperwork.
- MUST wear their SJE ID badge—with the exception of serving at liturgy.
  - Failure to do so will result in you being asked to leave a ministry event (i.e. practice, meeting, etc.)
- MUST complete monthly VIRTUS safe environment updates sent via e-mail (this is for new volunteers).



To register for a VIRTUS Child Protection Safety Course, visit [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

**The next training sessions at SJE take place on January 8th at 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.**

*You must go to [virtus.org](http://virtus.org) to register for these or any other VIRTUS trainings.*



January 5, 2020

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

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

# We're here to help

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

### Our office hours in the Red Barn are:

Monday-Thursday: 10:00AM-12:00PM, 1:00PM-3:00PM.

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

Ernie's Place (Food Pantry) -Monday 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Thursdays 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Thrift Shop - Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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

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

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

**12 Step Meetings**



## SJE STREET MINISTRY

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

**Winter Coats + Travel Shampoo + Shaving Cream + Women's/Men's Socks  
Diapers/Wipes + Women's Deodorant + Quart & Gallon Ziplock Bags**

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

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

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



## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

### Join the Catholic Action Network



The Catholic Action Network, the official voice of the Catholic Church in our state, was formed by the Catholic Bishops of New York. The Catholic Action Network website is a powerful tool that is designed to educate and inform us on issues concerning important topics such as Religious Freedom, Respect Life issues, Marriage and Family, Human Services, Criminal Services and Healthcare.

All parishioners should visit this website and sign up to receive important alerts and reminders about writing letters and sending information to local legislative leaders. It is very simple.

1. Go to [www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org).
2. Click on the "take action" tab at the top.
3. Then, click on "Join the Catholic Action Network" and follow the prompts from there.

### PARTICIPATION IN THE BLOOD MINISTRY

Every two seconds, someone in this nation requires blood.



We help satisfy that need three times a year with Parish sponsored blood drives. This ministry, in coordination with the Parish offices, and the New York Blood Center, provide the venue where members of the community can donate blood. One pint of blood can help save three lives! Our volunteers support each drive by registration, scheduling and seeing each donor through the process of donation. The New York Blood Center recognizes St. John the Evangelist Parish as an integral partner to their operation, because of the generosity of our community of donors.

For more information, contact Mr. Kevin Both by leaving a message at the Parish Office or emailing to [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org).

**Our next blood drive will be Saturday 2/29.**

## FAITH FORMATION

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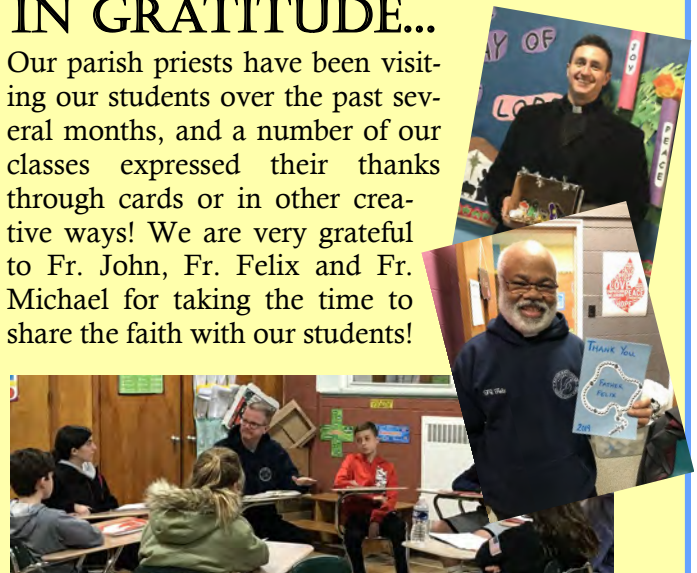
**Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 11AM-12Noon; 1PM-4:30PM (RED BARN, Upstairs)**

## CLASSES RESUME JANUARY 6!

All classes will be back in session beginning this Monday. We look forward to the New Year!

### IN GRATITUDE...

Our parish priests have been visiting our students over the past several months, and a number of our classes expressed their thanks through cards or in other creative ways! We are very grateful to Fr. John, Fr. Felix and Fr. Michael for taking the time to share the faith with our students!



## UPCOMING PARENT MEETINGS

Please be sure to join us for our next parent meeting in January, which will be held during class times.

**Level 1:** Come to ONE of the following meetings:  
**Saturday, January 11 @ 8:30AM-9:30AM OR 10AM-11AM in the Auditorium**

**Level 7:**  
**Monday, January 13 @ 7:15-8:30PM in the Church**

**Level 8:** Come to ONE of the following meetings:  
**Tuesday, January 14 @ 6PM-7PM OR 7:15-8:15PM in the Auditorium**

**Heritage:** Come to ONE of the following meetings:  
**Saturday, January 18 @ 8:30AM-9:30AM OR 10AM-11AM in the Auditorium**

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### **“PRAY”-ERS NEEDED! EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

***Mondays—3 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
+ Thursdays—1 pm to 5 pm  
Seton Chapel + Convent Building***

SJE is privileged to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons in Seton Chapel. (Seton Chapel is located in the Convent Building, the white house south of the school building.) Over twenty five parishioners have committed to an hour and many more are making time to pray on Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons.

Would you be willing to give an hour of your Monday evening or Thursday to sit in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament? If so, can you please contact Fr. John at [jsureau@sjecm.org](mailto:jsureau@sjecm.org) or call at 631.878.0009.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Mondays (which hour?)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursdays (which hour?)** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Want to become Catholic? Take the plunge!**

SJE has a great initiation process led by a committed group of parishioners. We are actively seeking to form a new group of inquirers (those thinking about becoming Catholic). Do you or someone you know want more information about getting baptized or joining the Catholic Church from another Christian faith?

### **We're ready! How about you?**

For more information, contact Fr. John, our pastor, at [jsureau@sjecm.org](mailto:jsureau@sjecm.org) or call the Parish Office.

### **Want to get confirmed? Get sealed!**

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

### **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).*

### **BELONGING BAPTISM TEAM MEMBERS WANTED!**

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



## Parish Social Ministry Memorial Cards 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, the Street Ministry, Ernie's Place, the Thrift Shop, Community Meal and the many works of Parish Social Ministry at SJE.

To obtain a parish social ministry memorial card, visit the Rectory Office or the Parish Social Ministry Office during regular hours.

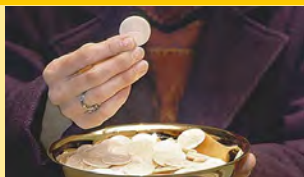
For more information, contact the Parish Social Ministry Office.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
IN **HONOR** OR  
**MEMORY**  
OF SOMEONE SPECIAL!

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND

By Kevin Both



*Suffering wears a thousand faces, and every face is that of Christ's.*

The above line so aptly describes those who we see, when we visit those parishioners who are homebound or bedridden in a facility due to sickness or age; who no longer are able to attend Mass due to their infirmity. I so often hear their repeated desire to attend Mass in church, "maybe just once more." I also am overwhelmed by their deep and heartfelt appreciation that someone from their Parish, will visit with them, pray and administer the Blessed Sacrament to them where they reside. It is a humbling, but joyous emotion to bring our Lord in Holy Communion to these wonderful people; and absolutely a privilege.

If you or someone you love is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office at [rectory@sjecm.org](mailto:rectory@sjecm.org) or call at 631.878.0009. One of our priests will come to meet you and arrange for an Extraordinary Minister to follow.

## 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 12/22/19:** \$15,913 (2018: \$16,578)

**Christmas:** \$64,932 (2018: \$66,612)

**Sunday 12/29/19:** \$13,820 (2018: \$15,733)

**Catholic Education:** \$1,730 (2018: \$2,196)

#### Electronic Donation Summary for 12/1—12/31

**Total Transactions:** \$4,222 - 49 users - \$ 86.16 Avg/User

**One Time Transactions:** \$1,647 -12 users - \$137.25 Avg/User

**Recurring Transactions:** \$2,575 - 43 users- \$59.88 Avg/User

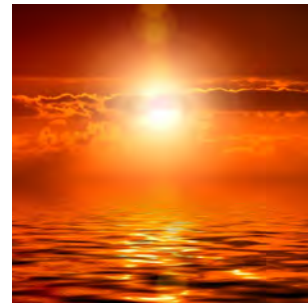
### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS **The Baptism of the Lord**

**Reading I:** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7  
*The Lord upholds his servant.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

**Second Reading:** Acts 10:34-38  
*Peter brings the good news to the Gentiles.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 3:13-17  
*Jesus is baptized by John.*



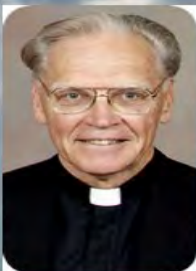
## Come celebrate **Word of God Sunday**

A new Holy Day added by Pope Francis

3PM Prayer Service to be held

**Sunday, January 26th**

**St. John the Evangelist Church in Riverhead**



Special guest speaker Bishop Emil Wcela

## WHERE DO WE WANT TO BE IN 2023?

## PRAYING FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER

### We Celebrate

*"The sacrament (of Matrimony) is a gift given for the sanctification and salvation of the spouses, since "their mutual belonging is a real representation, through the sacramental sign, of the same relationship between Christ and the Church." —Pope Francis,*

**The Joy of Love, 55**

**III. Daniel Becza and Angela Schon**

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

**II. Daniel Parisi and Nicole Lamattina**

### We Remember ...

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

**Margaret Meehan, John Branciforte, Phyllis Caldera**

### We Pray...

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

**Carmelo Maisonet, Dennis Munson, Marilyn Stein,**

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

*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

Allyson Boyle, *Secretary*  
Angela Werner, *Vice Chair*  
Joseph McDonald  
Matthew McCarthy  
Matthew Pomara, *Chair*  
Patti LeBlanc  
Peter Leuthardt  
Renee Mintel  
Trudi Norton

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Elizabeth Harrington  
Enes Carnesecca  
Brian Leavey, *Secretary*  
John Leuthardt  
Angelo Rollo, *Chair*  
Fr. John Sureau  
Tom Tebbens II  
Katie Waller, *Business Manager*

### PARISH TRUSTEES

Elizabeth Harrington  
Angelo Rollo

## WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

### END OF YEAR TAX STATEMENTS

Tax statements will be provided for those who request them.

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



### 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—

#### Hymns for this week:

#520 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

#547 - We Three Kings of Orient Are

#554 - The First Nowell

#553 - What Star is This

We are still looking to expand our choir membership! Please email the directors (on this page) to inquire about joining one of our choir/mass band ministries! A full commitment may be difficult as we understand; we love to have individuals that can offer their gifts around big holidays, too! If this would be of interest to you, please ask! Music ministers have the most fun!

-The Knights of Columbus  
Present-

# BINGO NIGHT

**Every Friday**

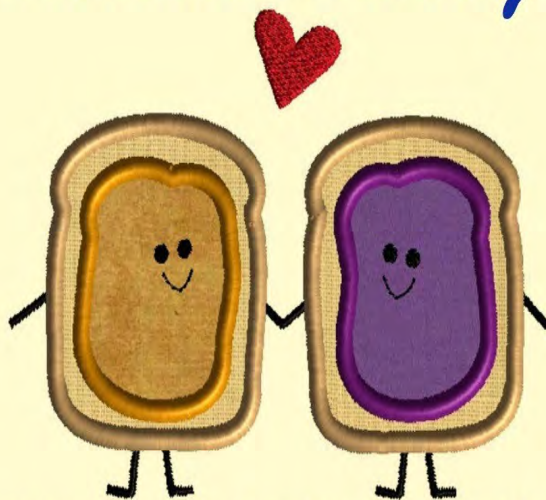


**Doors open at 6:30 p.m.  
(First game 7:30 p.m.)**

**\$2000 IN PRIZES!**



*Family Life Ministry presents*  
***Sandwich Sundays***



**Join us on the second Sunday of the month after  
the 9AM Mass in the cafeteria of OLQA to make  
sandwiches for those in need. All are welcome!  
For more information, call the parish office at  
631-878-0009.**

## PREPARING FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

### MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

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

#### Monday, January 6, 2020

4:30 p.m.	FF Classes	School
5:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Baptism Rehearsal	Church
7:15 p.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena	Seton Chapel

#### Tuesday, January 7, 2020

9:30 a.m.	Bible Study	RBMR
4:30 p.m.	FF Classes	School
6,7,8 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir	Church
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 8, 2020

9:00 a.m.	Thrift Shop Open	Thrift Shop
6:00 p.m.	Scouts 1227	Cafeteria
6:00 p.m.	Level 8 Parent Meeting	Seton Chapel
6PM,8PM	CYO	Auditorium

#### Thursday, January 9, 2020

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

#### Friday, January 10, 2020

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

#### Saturday, January 11, 2020

8:30 a.m.	FF Classes	School
8:30 a.m.	Level 1 Parent Meeting	School
9:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	Seton Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary Curia Meeting	RBMR
12,1:15 PM	CYO Game	Auditorium
5:45 p.m.	Spanish Youth Group	RBMR

#### Sunday, January 12, 2020

10:00 a.m.	Family Life Ministry	Cafeteria
10:00 a.m.	Baptismal Class	RBMR
1,2:15,3:30	CYO Game	Auditorium
4:00 p.m.	Mass Band Rehearsal	Church

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Monday, January 6, 2020

Christmas Weekday  
St. Andre Bessette, Religious

7:00 a.m.	Alan Youngman
12 Noon	Patricia Townsend

#### Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Christmas Weekday  
St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest

7:00 a.m.	Maxie Maguire
12 Noon	Daniel Dineen
7:30 p.m.	John Reilly

#### Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Christmas Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Patricia Townsend
12 Noon	Benjamin Spano

#### Thursday, January 9, 2020

Christmas Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Special Intention— Ann and Jim Garvey
12 Noon	Special Intention— John and Barbara Gargiulo

#### Friday, January 10, 2020

Christmas Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Elubino Sanchez
12 Noon	Jennifer Tana

#### Saturday, January 11, 2020

Christmas Weekday

8:00 a.m.	Helen and Ed Langone
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### The Baptism of the Lord

#### Mass of Anticipation

5:00 p.m.	Dr. William Savino Jr.
7:30 p.m.	People of the Parish

#### Sunday

7:30 a.m.	Sherry and Egle Families
9:00 a.m.	William Savino
10:30 a.m.	Anthony and Dorothy Amato
12:00 p.m.	Saverio Giambalvo
5:30 p.m.	John J. Keane