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Our Lady Queen of Apostles

Regional Catholic School

(on the campus of

SJE)

2 St. John Place

Center Moriches, NY

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www.olqany.org



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(in the Blue House)

Monday – Thursday

9:30 a.m. – 12 + 1 – 8 p.m.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Church

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“Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come.”

Isaiah 60:1

The Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2019

Come to the quiet!

The church building is open from 6:30 a.m. to approximately 7 p.m., if not later, each night. 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 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, 5:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

Seton Chapel: Tuesday: 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)

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 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 and spend some time with the Lord!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in Seton Chapel on **Mondays from 3:00 p.m. to 9 p.m.** (beginning on January 7th) and on **Thursdays from 1:00 pm. until 5:00 p.m.**

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 the 7 a.m. Mass in the church building and at 7:30 p.m. in Seton Chapel in the Convent on most Mondays, with the exception of holidays and whenever the parish is closed.

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."

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.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Catholic School in Center Moriches

A Different Kind of Epiphany

Dear Parish Family:

Today, we take another step on our journey in the season of Christmas as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany. These kings, astrologers, wise men see the sign of something greater at work - the presence of God in the newborn King. They move. They respond. Because of their move of their response, their lives are changed forever, as they go "another way" (Matthew 2:12).

Today, in a way, I'm on the move. A different kind of journey. During parts of this week and next, I'll be speaking at SS. Peter and Paul R.C. Church in Manorville and St. Jude's R.C. Church in Mastic Beach. These two parishes, Immaculate Conception in Westhampton Beach and our parish make up the four supporting parishes for Our Lady Queen of Apostles – the Catholic School in Center Moriches. (I'll be journeying to Westhampton Beach later in the year.)



Over the past few months, in my roles as Principal and as the Executive Pastor of OLQA, I have spent a lot of time talking to anyone I can to hear their thoughts and ideas about our school and how we can continue to build upon the great foundation that exists here. A common theme that arises – from parents to board members to local community members – is that many people don't even know that it exists. "OLQA? Where is that?" is a common question when students (or parents) talk about where they go to school. It's one of the reasons we try to use the phrase, "The Catholic School in Center Moriches" after OLQA so people know where we are located. It's also part of the reason we have invested in the signs on the corner of Main Street and Ocean Avenue.

This weekend and next weekend, I will be spending time in Manorville and Mastic Beach on a different kind of a journey. I'll be trying to draw attention to another star – one that I hope will find even more students coming to know about the presence of Christ in their lives – OLQA. By attending here, young people learn about this Presence and how they must be that presence to the world beyond OLQA.

We're embarking on a new enrollment initiative – **220 by 2020** – through which we hope to make our school even stronger. Honestly, I can use your help! Please always encourage those you know to consider The Catholic School in Center Moriches. You can read more about it on page 5. The impact of a Catholic school education is significant in the formation and development of young people. It provides a profound academic and social experience grounded in a deep faith encounter. The community of faith, knowledge and service provides a foundation that is life changing. It is a foundation that will carry them through high school, college and beyond. Catholic education is a vital mission of the Church and an important mission in our parish community. We are a better parish because OLQA is on our campus.

This year, each day, I find myself journeying – frequently multiple times a day – between the Parish Office and the school. (I think I'm starting to create a path in the lawn.) It is not a reason for journey that I was looking for and, to be honest, it can be a bit overwhelming at times. I bet it was for those whose journey we remember today. Yet, I'm glad I make it. In journeying to the school each morning, I begin to see first hand that difference a Catholic education can make in the lives of the students and families who are part of our OLQA school family. I think if you consider this same journey and/or invite others to do the same you might be consoled and strengthened as the wise men were in today's Gospel.

Please pray for me.



Featherman

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING



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.

Following the blessing, the leader or another family member marks in chalk "20 + C + M + B + 19" 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.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

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.

WE ARE IN PARTICULAR NEED ON MONDAY AFTERNOONS BEGINNING January 7, 2019. Would you be willing to give an hour of your Monday evening (particularly) or Thursday afternoon to sit in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament? If so, can you please contact Fr. John at jsureau@sjecm.org or call at 631.878.0009.

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____@_____

Mondays (which hour?) _____ Thursdays (which hour?) _____

January 6, 2019



OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
The Catholic School in Center Moriches

631.878.1033 + www.olqany.org

Come and see what makes us the “family of families”....

OPEN HOUSE 2019

Sunday, January 27, 2019

9 a.m. Mass

Followed by School Welcome and Tours

10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

and/ or

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

6:00—7:30 p.m.

School Welcome and Tours

Admissions process begins in January 2019 for the 2019-20 school year! Save your place at the Catholic School in Center Moriches now!

Action Tours

Come and see OLQA “in action”!

We will have tours during the day on Monday, January 28, 2019 at 9 a.m.

Thursday, January 31, 2019
1:00 p.m.

Tours are also available during other days and times. Please RSVP for the dates above or an individual tour by calling the School Office at 631.878.1033 or emailing to ghalversen@olqany.org.

Learn more about our:

- **Commitment to Catholic values, ideals and teachings** evidenced in prayer, learning, and service.
- **Service based Middle School Academy**—*The Mission*—where students are challenged academically, prepared for college (with the help of St. Joseph’s College) and formed to be servant leaders. This is a safe, secure and rigorous opportunity for students in Grades 6, 7 and 8 to discover their gifts and talents and change the world.
- **Early Childhood Program**—soon beginning at age 2 —which provides full day and half day options (from 8:30—3:00 p.m.).
- **Expanding Student Activities and Athletics programs** helping students to make OLQA a “home away from home”.
- **Special Education Program** options for students who learn differently.
- **Academic Intervention Services** including our Math Lab coordinated by St. Joseph’s College and the Academic Learning Center.
- **Small, individualized educational program** that both forms and challenges the mind, heart and soul.
- **Before Care and After Care services** beginning at 7 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m. (available for students in our Early Childhood program as well).
- ...and much, much more! Come and see how you can be part of the “Family of Families” at the Catholic School in Center Moriches.



WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

SJE Academic Learning Center



**For OLQA
students presently
and opening to all students in
January/February 2019**

Our Academic Learning Center is off and running as a place for students to catch up on homework, work with qualified teachers, receive limited tutoring and academic support.

Families in our Faith Formation program should have received a survey about the ways we are seeking to expand this program to better serve you.

We are looking for teachers—retired and active—to become part of the Academic Learning Center. Presently, the center is open on Wednesday afternoons. It will expand to later afternoon hours in January (day to be determined).

All students are requested to register in advance. You can register at olqany.org or sjecm.org or call the Parish Office at 631.878.0009.



Family Life Ministry



Upcoming Mercy Sunday Events (1/13, 2/10):

*January 13th— Correction Office
Appreciation— NEXT
WEEKEND*

Reception and blessing

February 10th— Sandwich Day

Sandwich Making Day for Local Outreach
Ministries within our community

March— Holy Week Children's Service

Spring— Holy Mary's Meals Run / Walk

Christmas Clean Up

We can use your help in a few weeks to help clean up from Christmas!

We are in need of helping hands on
Saturday, January 12, 2019—1 p.m.

(outside clean up)

and/or

Sunday, January 13, 2019—6:30 p.m.

(immediately after the 5:30 p.m. Mass

—Church and Chapel clean up)

If you can help, please RSVP to jsureau@sjecm.org.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

Ministry of Consolation:

Eve O'Brien—eveobrien@optonline.net + Helen Williams—hannah51@optonline.net + Jeri Eten—jeten@optonline.net

Communion to the Homebound: Jerry Malley - jmalley0328@gmail.com

Respect Life Group: Maria Sikora—msikora@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 will be able to 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.

SJE STREET MINISTRY



The Street Ministry is continuously serving 60-90 individuals and families every Thursday night, many of which 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:

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 Dollar Store or Walmart so we can obtain these items.

- Baby Wipes
- Diapers size 4&5
- Shaving Cream
- Toothbrushes/paste
- Men's/Women's boots
- Deodorant
- **Men's Underwear-** Size 29/30, 32/34 and 36/38
- **Women's Underwear-** Size 8/10, 12/14 and 16/18

We are also in need of cooks. We have been running out of food due to the high number of guests. If you're interested in cooking a tray of food for the Thursday night run or have any questions, please email Corinne Bernath at bernath52194@optonline.net or Alex Finta at afinta@sjecm.org or 631-878-0009 ext. 119.

Bereavement Support Group

Two 9-week sessions available

- * Session 1— Begins Wednesday, January 30th, 10 a.m.
- * Session 2— Begins Thursday, January 31st, 7 p.m.

Anyone who has lost a loved one is invited to attend. This program is not limited to seniors.

Please call Sister Ann at 631-878-0009, ext. 127.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Ernie's Place

St. John's Food Pantry Ministry
Mondays – 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Thursdays – 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

SHOPPING LIST

Canned vegetables
Pork and Beans
Pasta sauce and pasta
Canned foods and meats
Toilet paper
Jelly



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

"We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but a heart full of love and humility, in a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Mother Teresa



Anyone interested in going to Washington for the March for Life, please call Shrine of Our Lady of Island, #1-631-325-0661 and reserve a ticket for the March for Life on January 18th. There will be a bus leaving the Shrine at 5:45 AM. There is a \$10 donation. Please call as soon as possible. May God Bless each and every one of you this New Year!

SENIOR MINISTRY

Sister Ann Berendes, IHM—aberendes@sjecm.org + 631.878.0009, x. 127

Senior Ministry... and more!

I hope your Christmas was blessed with family and much gratitude to the Lord who gives us so much from God's bounty! May your New Year be filled with good health and many Blessings!

During the past year we have had two sessions for those who have lost a loved one. I promise that during January we would begin another Bereavement Support Group. **However, we will be offering two 9-week sessions—one beginning on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. and for those who cannot attend during the day, a duplicate session will begin on January 31, at 7:00 p.m. Anyone who has lost a love one and is having difficulty with the ability to handle this will benefit from these gatherings.** PLEASE CALL Sister Ann at 631-878-0009, ext. 127 to register. Since we use a text, it is important to let Sister know how many people will be coming. You may leave a message if Sister is not available. Please leave your full name and your phone number and Sister will call you back. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A SENIOR TO USE THIS OFFERING.** **Anyone** who is having difficulty accepting a loss will be welcome. These meetings are in the IHM room of the convent (adjacent to the Chapel.)

We will continue to have a movie in the IHM room on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Our Sophia's Circle continues on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 10:00 and T'ai Chi on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 in the IHM room. This is excellent for balance.

If you can be available to drive someone occasionally to a doctor (within a reasonable distance) or to a store, please call and leave your name and phone number at the above number.

Again, we will be offering to drive to St. Joseph's College for the last two plays. Next week I will list the plays and a brief summary of each. The price remains the same--\$12.00 for seniors (\$15 for other adults) and \$10.50 for a group of 20 or more.

Stay tuned to see future ideas for Seniors to be listed. Sister is open to ideas of things you would like to do but can't do by yourself. Don't hesitate to ask or suggest!

Anyone interested in spending some prayer time with Sister, please call and let her know. This has been one suggestion and she is very anxious to begin!

God bless everyone!

January 6, 2019

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH GROUP

KICK OFF
EVENT IS JANUARY
31 AT 6:30PM.

THE ONLY THING MISSING
HERE IS YOU.

CONTACT FR. MICHAEL
FOR MORE INFORMATION
AT MPLONA@SJECM.ORG
OR 631-878-0009.

FAITH FORMATION

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Our classes are back in session! We hope everyone had a relaxing and blessed Christmas and look forward to the many joys that lay ahead in the New Year! We certainly closed out the year with many fun events, including class plays, service projects, family events and more. Pictured is a special class visit made by one of our parishioners, Patrick McCarthy, who now attends Franciscan University at Steubenville in Ohio. While home from college, he took the opportunity to share with some of our Level 6 students about the Blessed Mother and the Rosary. Each student received a Rosary made by his household at Franciscan.



UPCOMING PARENT MEETINGS: JANUARY

Level 7: Please be sure to join us for our next parent meeting in January, which will be held during class times. Come to ONE of the following meetings during class times:
Monday, January 7 @ 6PM-7PM OR 7:15-8:15PM in the Auditorium

Level 1: Please be sure to join us for our next parent meeting in January, which will be held during class times. Come to ONE of the following meetings during class times:
Saturday, January 12 @ 8:30AM-9:30AM OR 10AM-11AM in the Auditorium

Level 8: Please be sure to join us for our next parent meeting in January, which will be held during class times. Come to ONE of the following meetings during class times:
Tuesday, January 15 @ 6PM-7PM OR 7:15-8:15PM in the Auditorium



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 2018 statement. Statements will be available after January 20, 2019. You can have your form mailed to you, emailed to you or you may pick it up at the Rectory.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

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

Did you know that St. John the Evangelist bulletin is printed free of charge each week? Not only that, our parish receives a part of the advertising commission. **So please frequent the fine establishments that advertise in our bulletin!**

If your business could use a shot in the arm, consider advertising in the bulletin. Each weekend, the nearly 1,400 people who attend Mass at St. John the Evangelist—most of whom live and shop in the Moriches, Mastic, Shirley, Eastport, Speonk and Remsenburg area—receive or view our bulletin online. It's an easy way to reach thousands of area families with information about your business.



For more information on how to advertise in our bulletin, call The Church Bulletin Company at 631-249-4994.

COME JOIN OUR LADY'S ARMY THE LEGION OF MARY

One of the wonderful ways to become more involved in parish life here at St. John the Evangelist is through The Legion of Mary. The Legion meets regularly and welcomes you to join in praying the rosary, spiritual readings, and discussing service to our neighbors in need.



Membership is open to men and women of all ages. The Legion is a great opportunity to join a community of faith-in-action, grow closer to Jesus and Mary, and support our Pastor and our church. Active Member activities include evangelization work, visits to the sick and aged, outreach to our neighbors, religious education, prison and hospital ministry, and escorting the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima to homes in the parish. We also lead our parish's First Saturday Program, sponsor St. John's annual May Crowning of our Lady, and promote special events, pilgrimages, and retreats with other Legions on Long Island.

The Legion of Mary meets every Thursday at 4:00 PM in our Red Barn. Individuals unable to commit to active membership can support us in prayer through auxiliary membership. Please call Judy Paulsen at 631-878-5872 or Christine Cappiello at 631-757-9834 for more information. Come spread the love of Jesus with our Lady's help.

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



¿Usted o alguien que usted conoce tiene más de 7 años y necesita los Sacramentos del Bautismo, la Comunión o la Confirmación? Por favor, póngase en contacto con Gregorio Chavez en p-chavez@hotmail.com para el próximo paso a seguir. Gracias.

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 loving memory of John Nicholas Abazis.



Stewardship

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

- Psalm 116:2

Sunday 12/23/18: \$16,578

(2017: \$15,519)

Parish Improvements: \$1,730

Christmas 2018: \$66,612

(2017: \$64,613)

Collection totals for 12/30 will be published in a future bulletin.

CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED



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 on 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.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS The Baptism of the Lord

Reading I: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
In the desert make ready the way of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: PS 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or PS 104:1B-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38 or Timothy 2:11-14; 3:4-7

God anointed Jesus with the Spirit and with power.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The Holy Spirit descends on Jesus at his baptism.

Discussion Questions

1. Wastelands, deserts, rugged land and rough country (Isaiah 40). Could these words describe terrorism in our world today? Election politics? Your spiritual life? Does this reading suggest that there is help in fixing these or do we/you just have to accept it?

2. Did we do anything to earn salvation? Why does God give it to us? What does St. Paul in his letter to Titus say about the extravagance of God's gift to us?

3. John the Baptist was the middleman. He pointed back to Isaiah and forward to Jesus, connecting the whole plan. What or who are the "middlemen or women" who connect you with God? Can you serve as a middle-one?



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).

MUSIC MINISTRY

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This Week's Music

Scheduled Hymns for 1/5 and 1/6

Entrance Hymn: #526, Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Preparation Hymn: #547, We Three Kings of Orient Are

Communion Hymn: #529, Of the Father's Love Begotten

Closing Hymn: #530, Go Tell it on the Mountain

Adult Choir: Practice Tuesdays @ 7PM

Children's Choir: Practice Tuesdays @ 6PM

5:30 p.m. Mass Band: Practice Sundays @ 4PM

Do you love to sing? We are always looking for members for our choirs from our community. If you have a passion for making music with us at Church, please join us. You can contact one of our directors or reach out to Andrew McKeon at 631.878.0009 or e-mail to music@sjecm.org.



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: Phoebe May Brandt,
Scarlett Rose Montore, Aubrie Emma Verbarg, Giavanna Jewel
Verbarg, Jacob Ryan Verbarg

We Remember...

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

-Entrance Antiphon, Funeral Mass

Gunter Mehlinger, Denise Burke, Rudy Giaccaglia

We Pray...

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

Gerri Planz, Leokadia Zurawski

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

In your generosity, please pray for our parish family members serving abroad in the military. Family members, please call the rectory to add or update your loved one's status if they have returned.



US Army

Sgt. Justin Sikorski

PVT Bailey Meyer

SPC Kevin Arpino

PVT Sean Casey

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.

L/Cpl. Quentin Montemarano

LCL Andrew Schlosberg

PVT Charles O'Connor

SGT Quentin Montemarano

US Navy

STGCS Brian Holzmacher

ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, Jr.

E3 Christopher J. Esposito Jr

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.

PREPARING FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday, January 7, 2019

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
4:45 p.m.	FF Classes Levels 3-6	School
6:00, 7:15 PM	Level 7 Parent Meeting	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	AL-A-TEEN Meeting	RBUR
7:15 p.m.	Miraculous Medal Novena	Seton Chapel

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
9:30 a.m.	Bible Study	RBMR
4:45 p.m.	FF Classes Levels 3-6	School
6:00 p.m.	CYO 4th Grade Girls	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir	Church
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir	Church
7:00 p.m.	CYO 5th Grade Girls	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Divine Will Prayer Group	RBUR
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
8:00 p.m.	CYO 7th Grade Girls	Auditorium

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
9:00 a.m.	Thrift Shop Open	Thrift Shop
6:00 p.m.	CYO SSPP 5th Grade Boys	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 800	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	St Vincent de Paul	RBMR
7:00 p.m.	CYO SSPP 6th Grade Boys	Auditorium
7:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 800	Cafeteria
8:00 p.m.	CYO SSPP 7th Grade Boys	Auditorium

Thursday, January 10, 2019

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	RBMR
5PM, 9PM	Street Ministry	Seton Chapel
6:00 p.m.	CYO 5th Grade Boys	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	CYO 6th Grade Boys	Auditorium
8:00 p.m.	CYO 7th Grade Girls	Auditorium

Friday, January 11, 2019

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
3:45 p.m.	SJPII Basketball	Auditorium
6:30 p.m.	K of C Bingo	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Seton Chapel

Saturday, January 12, 2019

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
8:30 a.m.	FF Classes Levels 1 and 2	School
8:30, 10AM	Level 1 Parent Meeting	School
9:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	Seton Chapel
10:00 a.m.	FF Classes Levels 1 and 2	School
12 Noon	CYO SSPP 6th Grade Boys	Auditorium
1:15 p.m.	CYO SSPP 7th Grade Boys- Game	Auditorium
3:00 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church
3:30 p.m.	K of C Free Throw Basketball	Auditorium
5:00 p.m.	Spanish Community Reception	Auditorium

Sunday, January 13, 2019

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
8:00 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (Men's)	RBMR
8:30 a.m.	Family Life Ministry CO Appreciation	Auditorium
11:00 a.m.	RCIA Session	Faculty Room
1:00 p.m.	CYO SSPP 5th Grade Boys- Game	Auditorium
2:15 p.m.	CYO 6th Grade Boys- Game	Auditorium

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 7, 2019

Christmas Weekday

St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest

7:00 a.m. Special Intention- Ann and Jim Garvey

12 Noon Peter Joseph Botte

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Christmas Weekday

7:00 a.m. Jack Domnick

12 Noon Richard Colby

7:30 p.m. Intention Still Available

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

Christmas Weekday

7:00 a.m. Vincent Daniels

12 Noon James Fogarty

Thursday, January 10, 2019

Christmas Weekday

7:00 a.m. Special Intention- Rose Vaccaro

12 Noon Tony Nunziata

Friday, January 11, 2019

Christmas Weekday

7:00 a.m. Jeffrey B. Adams

12 Noon Nancy Zeno

Saturday, January 12, 2019

Christmas Weekday

8:00 a.m. Jack Domnick

The Baptism of the Lord

Mass of Anticipation

5:00 p.m. Diane Albano

7:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Helen Biolsi

9:00 a.m. Diane Albano

10:30 a.m. Roy Probeyahn, Jr.

12:00 p.m. Savero Giambalvo

5:30 p.m. George Heester