



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



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments
will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. - Matthew 5:19*



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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

Liable to Judgement?

HOLY ANGER

Dear Parish Family:

I recall attending an Evening of Prayer for Priests a few years ago. The presenter, addressing priests specifically, asked, "What are you doing with your anger?" Then he said, "Please note: I did not ask if you had any anger. We know that answer, don't we?" I didn't like the feeling of either comment but I had (and have to admit) he was correct.

Anger often shows itself in the negative. We say something hurtful. We become violent in word or action. We post something in fury. We jump on the bandwagon of hate against this group or that one.

I don't believe that anger is always bad. We see, in the Scriptures, times when Jesus was angry or extraordinarily frustrated, to say the least. It is true that anger can often inspire us to make change – within ourselves or in the world in which we live. Recently, in our community, we are so angered by the death of Thomas Valva. We show some signs that anger may bring about some positive change. However, anger can often be a blaze that quickly fades or becomes its own focus or subject. We find ourselves always angry – even if we keep it under wraps.

I suppose there is a call to transform that anger into a holy anger, an anger that drives us to more Christ-like action. How does that happen? I wish I had a clear answer. The words of today's psalm gave me some thoughts to share. Now, I just have to work on following them myself!

First, we need to pray. Period. End of sentence. Hear the words of the psalm - Be good to your servant (119:17). In moments of anger – whether justified or unjustified – we need to bring that to the Lord. I am not always so sure a big list of words or prayers is needed. Sometimes just being quiet and taking time to contemplate is all that is needed. He helps us to keep things in perspective. Ask the Lord to be good to you in the midst of the moment of anger you are facing. Ask him to help you go deeper.

Second, ask the Lord for the vision to look within. Here, again, the words of the psalmist, "Open my eyes, that I may consider" (Psalm 119:18). A priest I sometimes listen to was speaking to a group and offered this tag line as part of a larger talk, "if you don't look in you're going to lash out." Ask God to help you get that inner vision so you may see what is really upsetting you. I find it's often not the external thing that I am reacting to in my angry responses. There's something deeper in me that I am not letting the Lord touch.

Third, pray the Lord will "give me discernment, that I may observe your law and keep it with all my heart" (Psalm 119:34). Ask the Lord to help you take the next steps. How can I make this moment of anger holy? How should I respond? What should I do? And sometimes nothing is a good answer! Let me share an example.

A few months ago, someone came up to me after Mass livid. He was angry about one part of a homily I delivered at that particular Mass. His finger was loudly in my face. It was definitely a "close-talker" moment. What did I do? I reacted. I did not respond in love. I shot back one better in my own anger. There was nothing holy about it or me in that moment. I should have put my head down and let him walk away. My angry response did nothing to help the situation. I have not seen that person in church since.

I find it is better for me to take a step away. Let God's spirit help me to respond. Not every action needs an immediate reaction – either in person, on the phone, via email, etc. A little time and a little space for God's grace to work can go a long way. It allows us to take the long view. To move from an immediate, short-term reaction to a reaction of depth and reflection.

So what are you doing with your anger? Maybe with God's help it can lead you to deeper holiness!



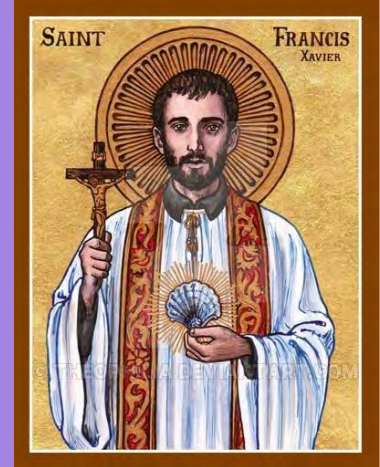
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LENT 2020

Novena of Grace

Wednesday, March 4, 2020 – Thursday, March 12, 2020

This year, instead of a traditional Lenten “mission” or “evening prayers”, we are inviting all to be part of the Novena of Grace. The Novena of Grace, nine day of prayer, originated in the 1600s and became more popular after St. Francis Xavier was canonized a saint. This novena traditionally takes place from March 4 -12. We will celebrate the Novena of Grace here at SJE this Lent.



Evening Prayer – March 4, 2020 – Church – 7:00 p.m.

Day of Fasting – Friday, March 6, 2020

Sunday Eucharist – Saturday/Sunday, March 7/8, 2020

Creative Ministries – Journey, Cross and Crucifixion –

Monday, March 9, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

Closing Holy Hour – Thursday, March 12, 2020 – Church – 7:00 p.m.

It is traditional to pray this Novena of Grace for a particular intention – to ask the Lord what you desire. To be truthful, I pray the Novena of Grace twice a year. Never have I prayed it without receiving some sign of God’s consolation and compassion. I hope the same will be true for you.

Look for more information about our Day of Service and Basketball Tournament for Charity also taking place during the Novena of Grace

LENT 2020... Start planning today!
Ash Wednesday



Masses

7:00 a.m. + 12 Noon + 7:30 p.m.

Prayer Services

10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m.,
4:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m.

Ashes will only be distributed as part of the prayer service. Please make plans now.

LENT 2020

Preparing for Ash Wednesday

We are all familiar with the practice of receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday, which this year is February 26, 2020. The ashes are a sign of the public penance to which we are all called during the Lenten season. As we promise to repent and believe in the Gospel, the ashes brand us with the sign of the cross — a sign of our commitment to the journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, a journey which ends with the new life of baptism and baptismal renewal during the Easter season. Penitential acts are undertaken as a community, as together we journey to the cross and resurrection.

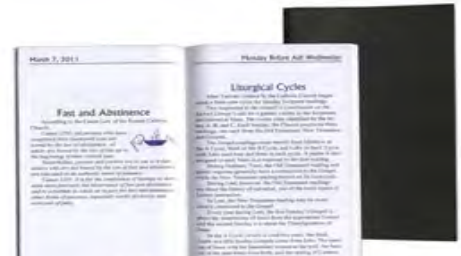


What you may not know is where the ashes come from. Very simply, the ashes used on Ash Wednesday are the ashes from palms saved from Palm Sunday the previous year, which have been burned. This year we once again invite you to share in our communal celebration of Ash Wednesday in a special way. We ask you to bring old palms from your home and deposit them in the baskets which will be available. These palms will then be burned and used as ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 26th.

THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK IS HERE!

This Lent, St. John's is once again offering everyone a little black book. This book contains brief reflections for each day of the Lenten season based on Scripture and Lenten traditions.

You can carry it with you, leave it in your car or keep it in a place at home where you will see it every day. It's a nice, simple way to bring the spirit of the season to each day of your Lenten journey. The books are free of charge. If you'd like to make a donation, please place it in the Poor Box to support the work of Parish Social Ministry and St. Vincent de Paul. The Little Black Books should be available next weekend.



Stations of the Cross

This Lent, we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. Fridays in the Church.



LENTEN BACKPACK CHALLENGE

This year, on Ash Wednesday, we are giving all who come to SJE a String Backpack! So you can have one but you need to take two! Bring one back filled with the items needed for our Street Ministry...and keep one for yourself...OR....bring two back for our Street Ministry. Not only will these backpacks be a great way to return your donations, they are a huge help to those we minister to on Thursday nights. So get ready for a new Street Ministry Challenge here at SJE!



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday – Thursday 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

We hope, after the Novena of Grace, to offer additional times for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 3 – 7 p.m. Mondays – Thursdays here in Seton Chapel beginning Monday, March 16th. This will be a great blessing for our parish and will require a weekly commitment from many.



The 3:00 p.m. hour will begin with Exposition and the Liturgy of the Hours then continue with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Three O'Clock Prayer. The hours from 4 – 6:30 p.m. will be silent. Evening Prayer will begin at 6:30 p.m. and conclude with Benediction.

Please consider signing up today! We can also use someone who is good at organization to serve as a coordinator (which can mostly be done from home).

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Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____ @ _____

Please check which hours you can be available for on a weekly basis.

Mondays ___3-4 p.m. ___4-5 p.m. ___5-6 p.m. ___6-7 p.m.

Tuesdays ___3-4 p.m. ___4-5 p.m. ___5-6 p.m. ___6-7 p.m.

Wednesdays ___3-4 p.m. ___4-5 p.m. ___5-6 p.m. ___6-7 p.m.

Thursdays ___3-4 p.m. ___4-5 p.m. ___5-6 p.m. ___6-7 p.m.

Exposition takes place at SS. Peter and Paul in Manorville and St. Jude's in Mastic Beach on Fridays.

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



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



2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

As One Family in Mission, your gifts have helped us to evangelize and serve one another. Support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps our Church to encourage and provide the opportunity for tomorrow's priests and deacons to discern their vocation.

Fr. Roger Velasquez grew up in El Salvador right next to a Church that his family took care of. "I remember playing and praying there. That's how I was first introduced to the life of the Church." The priest only came once a year for the feast of St. John the Baptist – and the town would have a huge celebration. "It was a very joyful event and I remember looking to the priest as a role model and I would dream – I could be that one day."

"My goal is to be an instrument of God's presence to the People of God on Long Island. All of us are called to holiness and we do that when we evangelize others – to take what God has given us to others."

Please consider donating to the Appeal and a difference in someone's life. Thank you!

To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA> or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296

Como Una Familia con Una Misión, sus dones nos han ayudado a evangelizar Y servir los unos a otros. Su colaboración a favor de la Campaña de los Ministerios Católicos ayuda a que nuestra Iglesia aliente y brinde oportunidades a futuros sacerdotes y diáconos, para que discernan su vocación.

El Padre Roger Velásquez creció en El Salvador justo al lado de la Iglesia que su familia ayudaba a cuidar. "Recuerdo que allí jugaba y rezaba. Fue así que conocí lo que era la vida de la Iglesia". Y cuando el sacerdote venía – que era sólo una vez al año, para la fiesta de San Juan Bautista- mi pueblo lo celebraba a lo grande. "Era un evento muy alegre y recuerdo que veía al sacerdote como un modelo a seguir, y yo soñaba que -algún día,- yo podría

"Quisiera ser instrumento de la presencia de Dios para el pueblo de Long Island. A todos se nos llama a la santidad y lo hacemos cuando evangelizamos, cuando entregamos al prójimo lo que Dios nos ha dado."

Por favor considere hacer un donativo y haga la diferencia en la vida de las personas. ¡Gracias!



Pledge: \$_____ Down Payment: \$_____ Balance: \$_____

Parish: St. John the Evangelist Center Moriches

Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____@_____

Donor Signature: _____ Date _____

Place in weekly collection basket, drop off at the Parish Office make your donation or use the donation options listed above. Make Checks Payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

February 16, 2020

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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Communion to the Homebound: Kevin Both - counts2n2@aol.com

Respect Life Group: Maria Sikora—msikora@sjecm.org

Society of St. Vincent de Paul – x. 173 – 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:

**Jelly + Blankets + Disposable razors + Women's underwear/socks
Quart zip lock bags + Toilet paper + (Dollar store) feminine hygiene pads**

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 or 631-878-0009 ext. 119.)



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

IT TAKES ALL TYPES *Have A Heart* BLOOD DRIVE



**Saturday,
February 29th
9 AM - 3 PM in
Auditorium**

**Urgent need for all blood types.
Get a free large sandwich or premium salad from
McDonalds.**

Must bring ID or donor card, be between the ages of 16 to 75, and weigh at least 110 lbs. No new tattoos for the past 12 months. For more information contact Kevin

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

There will be a meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. for all members of the Ministry of Consolation. This meeting will take place in the Lower Meeting Room of the Red Barn. All members of this ministry – greeters, readers, companions, etc. – are asked to attend.



Ernie's Place

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

SHOPPING LIST

**Tuna fish, Chicken in a can
Rice, Instant potatoes
Small jelly (grape), Small mayonnaise
Boxed mashed potatoes, Cooking oil
Toilet Paper, Soup
Ramen Noodles, Cereal**



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

Child Protection



ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS AND EMPLOYEES:

Please be sure you are checking for VIRTUS bulletins delivered electronically around the first weekend of each month. Volunteers who receive these bulletins must read them and complete the question at the end. THIS IS NOT OPTIONAL. Failure to complete these monthly learning bulletins may result in your being suspended from ministry. (At present, volunteers who work or have worked with children are required to complete these learning bulletins.) Please reach out to Liz Dellaratta or Michael Walsh – 631.878.0009 or email to faithformation@sjecm.org.

***Our next VIRTUS training at St. John's
is on Thursday, February 27th, 5:30 p.m.***
(You may take a VIRTUS training class at any site. See www.drvc.org for more information.)

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.
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.



YOUNG AT HEART MINISTRY

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

Come Join Us



WALKING
WITH
MARY

A SENIOR
LENTEN
RETREAT

Friday March 20th
Noon TO 5:30 PM

PRESENTED BY

YOUNG AT
HEART MINISTRY

THE DAY INCLUDES:

- 12 NOON MASS AT CHURCH
- LUNCH AT CONVENT
- TIME TO RECEIVE RECONCILIATION
- REFLECTION TIME
- STATIONS OF THE CROSS

RSVP to Sr. Ann by 3/6 aberendes@sjecm.org + 631.878.0009, x. 127

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SJE

-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

Mercy Sunday- 2/23



Stony Brook Children's Hospital Goody Bags

Meet in the auditorium after the 9am mass (approximately 10 am) to help make Goody Bags for the children at Stony Brook. Please donate as many items as you can by dropping off at the Parish Office in a box clearly labeled Family Life Ministry. (Donations Requested):

**Crayons + colored pencils + coloring books
adult coloring books + sketch/drawing pads
playing cards + game cards
(old maid...uno...go fish)**

All items need to be brand new, NOT stored items (kept in a closet since September) due to the hazard it may pose to the children in the hospital.

Feel free to contact Mplona@sjecm.org or Lindalos3@optonline.net for more information.

Comunidad Hispano de San Juan Evangelista, Center Moriches

MINISTERIOS Y SERVICIOS

Dirección de la Oficina: 25 Ocean Ave. Center Moriches, NY 11934

Teléfono: 1-631.878.0009

Horas especiales para asistencia en español: Martes- 7 PM – 8 PM

Santa Misa: Sábados - 7:30 PM, Martes - 7:30PM en el Convent (La Casa Blanca)

Confesiones: Sábado - 7 PM en la Iglesia

Bautismos: Segundo Domingo a las 2p.m. en la Iglesia. Clases pre-bautismos es el tercer miércoles de cada mes.

Locación – en el granero (la casa roja) a las 7 PM.

Favor de traer el certificado de nacimiento del niño dos meses antes del bautismo.

Requisitos:

1. Certificado de nacimiento del niño o/de la niña.
2. Certificado de inscripción de su Parroquia (padres y padrinos)
3. Los padres deben traer estos documentos a la oficina de San Juan para fijar las fechas de charla pre-bautismal (OBLIGATORIA para padres y padrinos) y la fecha del Bautismo.

Matrimonios:

Parejas que planean su matrimonio, deben hacer una cita con uno de los sacerdotes antes de su boda. De este modo tendrán suficiente tiempo para recibir las instrucciones prematrimoniales y obtener los documentos necesarios. Para más información llame al oficina.

Exposición del Santísimo (adoración): Jueves, 12:00PM - 8:00PM

Renovación Carismática: Viernes 7:00 pm en el granero (la casa roja).

R.I.C.A (Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos):
Padre Michael 1-631.878.0009

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



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

FAITH FORMATION

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext 5 + Website: sjecm.org + Facebook: StJohn FaithFormation

Email: faithformation@sjecm.org / mpirraglia@sjecm.org

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

LEVEL 7: ENCOUNTERING CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST & LEARNING ABOUT MORALITY

Our Level 7 students have been tackling some deep subjects of our faith, including the Eucharist and morality. Fr. Michael walked our students through John 6 and guided them in Eucharistic Adoration. Fr. John presented on Catholic Morality and the issue of sin and repentance, guiding students through John 8. Special thanks to all of our small group leaders who have broken open these topics with our students and prepared them so well! **Our next Level 7 class is Monday, February 24!**



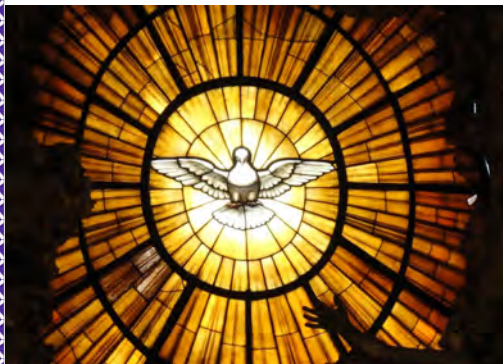
THE ROSARY & LEARNING ABOUT OUR LADY

This year, our Faith Formation classes begin each class by praying a decade of the Rosary. Thank you to all the catechists who have found ways to creatively teach the children about this powerful prayer, as well as Mary, our blessed Mother.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Are you an adult that never got around to receiving the
Sacrament of Confirmation?
Now is your time!**



St. John's will be starting our Adult Confirmation Class at the end of this month. Spots are filling up quick, please contact Fr. Michael soon for more information and to get signed up at mplona@sjecm.org

BECOMING CATHOLIC

**Do you want to be Catholic?
Do you want to be baptized?
Were you baptized into another
Christian faith but now want to join the Catholic Church?
Then the RCIA is for you!**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the Church's process for adult women and men who want to join the Catholic Church. It involves learning about the Catholic faith, sharing faith with others and participating in the life of the Church.

If you want to learn more, leave a message in the Rectory (631.878.0009) or e-mail to rcia@sjecm.org.

We will be putting together our next RCIA group in the weeks ahead!



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

PARKING ON OCEAN AVENUE

Please do NOT park on Ocean Avenue when attending Mass at SJE. It has become a traffic hazard and, I'm sure, a bother to our neighbors.

St. John's has plenty of parking –on the north side of the Church, behind the Church, on St. John's Place (in marked spots only please) and the school parking lot. Please make use of those spaces.

Random Act of Kindness Thought. If you're able, park further away. Keep the parking spots closer to the Church for those who might find walking a challenge!



MUSIC MINISTRIES @ SJE

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

Hymns for this week:

#718 - Sing a New Song

#839 - Blest Are They

#819 - Eye Has Not Seen

#705, - Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

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.

GOLDEN WEDDING LITURGY

Honoring couples married fifty years or more.

Sunday, May 3—St. Patrick's Church, Smithtown

Liturgy will begin at 2:00 pm. Space is limited, registration will be accepted on a first come first served basis. For more information, call Suzanne at 516-678-5800, ext.223

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 February has been donated: In honor of Jeanette Kopstain.



Stewardship

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

- Psalm 116:2

Sunday 2/9/20: \$12,808 (2019: \$14,717)

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

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. 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.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Love your neighbor as yourself.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

What is wise with the world is absurd with God.

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Turn the other cheek.

Discussion Questions

1. "Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy." Does the Lord tell us what holiness is? What does this reading prescribe for us to be holy? Is holiness related to how we interact with others?
2. Paul says "... for the temple of God, which is you, is holy." And is your neighbor holy too? If this is so, do you treat all the people in your life as though they are holy temples?
3. Why would Jesus tell you to "Love your enemies?" Who loves like that? Did Jesus show us a new revolutionary kind of acting when he showed us how to love our enemies? How far was he willing to go for them with his radical self-emptying? How far was the Father willing to go for his children?



MARDI GRAS

Due to a calendar conflict we will not hold Mardi Gras this year.

Get ready for
Mardi Gras 2021
– Tuesday,
February 16,
2021!



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: Elizabeth Rebecca Richford

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. Darwin Castro and Carlotta Maria

II. Justin Petito and Shannon Cunningham

We Remember ...

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

Eileen Ruvolo, June Potter, Henry George Schandel, Edith F. Gerdik, Peter A. Gencarelli, Patrick J. McGaw

We Pray...

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

Tony & Janice Pruzzi, Michael Nostitz, George Martin, Dominc Pironti

John O'Leary, Juliana Gales, Andrew Hennings, Joseph Guzzello

Jennifer Lynn Peck, Leo DiPierro, Valerie Caldero, Nicholas Sarubbi, Paul Healy

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

Praying for our Military

US Army

Sgt. Justin Sikorski, PVT Bailey Meyer, PVT Sean Casey SGT Daniel Smith,

PVT Joseph Cestare, PFC David Smith, 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 to add or update your loved one's status if they have returned.



**All Parish Offices will be closed Monday,
February 17th in honor of Presidents Day.**

**Masses WILL BE celebrated
at 7 a.m. and 12 Noon**

**Liturgy of the Hours and Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament will not take place.**

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.

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 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. 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.

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.

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.

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

PREPARING FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

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

Monday, February 17, 2020

Presidents Day— No events

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

9:30 a.m.	Bible Study	RBMR
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir	Church
6:30 p.m.	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, February 19, 2020

9:00 a.m.	Thrift Shop Open	Thrift Shop
6:00 p.m.	Scouts 1227	Cafeteria
6:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	RBMR
7:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Baptismal Class	RBMR

Thursday, February 20, 2020

2:30 p.m.	Ministry of Consolation Meeting	RBMR
4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	RBMR
5:30, 7PM	CYO	Auditorium

Friday, February 21, 2020

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

Saturday, February 22, 2020

9:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	Seton Chapel
5:45 p.m.	Spanish Youth Group	RBMR

Sunday, February 23, 2020

10:00 a.m.	Family Life Ministry	Cafeteria
4:00 p.m.	Mass Band Rehearsal	Church

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, February 17, 2020

Weekday

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

7:00 a.m.	Kathleen Garcia
12 Noon	Daniel A. DeRienzi

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Helen and Manuel Cordeiro
12 Noon	Josephine Occhino
7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Sherry and Egle Families
12 Noon	Daniel A. DeRienzi

Thursday, February 20, 2020

Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Lee Goncalves
12 Noon	Special Intention— Melody Ana Haass

Friday, February 21, 2020

Weekday

St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m.	Peter Gencarelli
12 Noon	Olga Danielsson

Saturday, February 22, 2020

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:00 a.m.	Eugene R. Serafine
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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass of Anticipation

5:00 p.m.	The People of the Parish
7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available

Sunday

7:30 a.m.	Scott Perino
9:00 a.m.	Margarita Alvares Cruz
10:30 a.m.	Concetta Zummo
12:00 p.m.	Josephine Sferrazza
5:30 p.m.	Richard Sloane

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