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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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Facebook: Welcome Home-St. John the Evangelist



**“The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”**

Mark 1:15

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018

Come to the quiet!

Seton Chapel in the Convent is open most days from 6:30 a.m. to approximately 9 p.m., if not later. Take some time to open your heart to the voice of God.

Come and pray with us!

SUNDAY MASS (Now held in School Auditorium)

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. + 7:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass) Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Children), 10:30 a.m., 12 Noon, 5:30 p.m. (Life Teen)

WEEKDAY MASSES (Now held in Seton Chapel in the Convent)

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 IHM Meeting Room and 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 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on

Thursdays immediately after the 12 Noon Mass until 5:00 p.m.

Come to know Mary, Our Lady Queen of the Apostles

ROSARY: We pray the Rosary every day after Daily Mass in the Seton Chapel in the Convent and on Sundays before the 7:30 a.m. Mass and after the Noon Mass in the Auditorium..

MONDAYS + We pray the Miraculous Medal Novena after the 7 a.m. Mass and at 7:30 p.m. in the Seton Chapel in the Convent on most Mondays, with the exception of holidays and whenever the parish is closed

LENT 2018

ABSTINENCE AND FASTING

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth (14th) year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59) inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from the Good Friday fast and abstinence.

ADDITIONAL DAILY MASS

We will celebrate Mass at 7 a.m. and 12 Noon Masses each weekday in Seton Chapel. We will celebrate an additional Daily Mass in Spanish at 7:30 p.m. in the Seton Chapel.

SJE LENTEN BAG CHALLENGE

On Ash Wednesday everyone received a gift from SJE that we hope you will use as a gift! While not using plastic bags at stores is ultimately a good thing for God's creation, it's an inconvenience. St. John's is pleased to present you with two shopping bags. Now here's the catch...

HELP OUT THOSE IN NEED

Return ONE (1) of the bags with needed items for the Food Pantry or the Street Ministry. A list is enclosed inside the bag. Now, of course, if you want to return both bags...that's even better! Returned bags will be used to distribute items to those we serve in the Street Ministry and in the Food Pantry.

If you can, send us a picture of those bags being stuffed and/or used!



PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Loving God Gladly

Save the dates...

Monday, March 5

Tuesday, March 6

Wednesday, March 7

7:30 P.M. + Auditorium

Abbreviated Retreat Presentation at 12 Noon Mass each day. The 12 Noon Mass will be celebrated in the Auditorium during the days of the mission.

This year our parish Lenten Mission will be led by Fr. Kevin Cronin, OFM, a Franciscan Friar of the Holy Name Province.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

First Sunday of Lent

Drowned by Temptations

Dear Parish Family:

Lent is only about four days old! How are you doing with your Lenten practices? Are you like me? I'm presuming, even though I'm writing this letter on Ash Wednesday, that I may have started coming up short and tried to figure out a way to justify getting around this act of almsgiving or fasting. It starts small, right? If I have chosen to give up a bad habit, say not eating dessert, or promised to take on a renewed effort at prayer or service, have I started to move away from it bit by bit? (I bet I have!)

I met a former student this week. He is married now with a family. He's a great role model of faith and charity. In his 30s, he is involved in his parish, a good husband, a faithful father. As a student he had the privilege of having me as a classroom teacher in his freshman and senior years. He was very lucky :). I remember one of the first times I met him in ninth grade. He spoke to me about all of the things he would "never do". He did so with a sense of immature arrogance not uncommon to many 14 year old freshmen. When I had him in class as a senior, he had done most of those things and more. I know because I was his counselor for all four years. We have spoken many times since. He'll often say to me "I never thought that would be me" or "I'm not really sure how it turned so bad so fast."

Temptation is a reality in our lives. Evil dwells in and around us and we would be quite foolish and naive to consider otherwise. People speak often of Pope Francis and his messages of joy and hope (and that smile!). Yet, if you read his homilies and talks there are very few that do not, in some way, come back to the reality of evil in our world. Evil is not in the form of a guy in a red outfit with horns. In some ways that would be a lot easier. Simply stay away from that guy.

Rather evil works in often more insidious and subtle ways. Sometimes we're not even sure where it came from, right? We find ourselves doing things, saying things, feeling things. We stop resisting temptation. We get distracted. We fall. How did this become my sin? How did it go so bad so fast?

One of my favorite spiritual writers is Fr. William Barry, SJ. I have written and preached about him before. He writes, "The discernment of the spirits rests on the belief that the human heart is a battleground where God and the evil one struggle for mastery. Jesus of Nazareth himself believed this. In the desert he had been tempted by the evil one masquerading as an angel of light."

We need to pay attention and maybe that is the best Lenten practice of all. To pay attention to the movement of the Spirit within us and the lack of that movement at times. To see the signs of temptation winning. To see where we are drowning from the onslaught of the waves of this life (see 1st reading). Lent is a good time to practice that discernment, to do that reflection. To see "how it got that bad" or "how I couldn't see it coming".

As a social worker and even at times as a priest, I often meet people after it has gotten "that bad". It's a process to understand the journey and the path. Sometimes it's clear. There was an event, an encounter, an incident. Often it's not. It's muddled. It's hidden. It's hard to see.

I'm not writing this as a social worker. I'm writing it as a Catholic priest. There is a huge difference in how we look at that journey. We can stay in the clinical and analytical. Or we can be humble and vulnerable enough to allow the Lord to help us to see. We can ask him to pull us out of the water and warm us with the rainbow of his love (Genesis 9:16). We can speak to him about the temptations in our own deserts. We can confess to him both in our private prayer and through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We can discern with his help to make the next right decision. If we're open to it, we can count on his mercy and compassion to pull us through.

Please pray for me.



WHAT'S HAPPENING @SJE

SJE Vacation Bible Camp — Volunteers Needed!



We are looking for volunteers to help with our first annual SJE Vacation Bible Camp! Our first meeting is being held this month. We need a wide variety of help—from arts and crafts to building environments to working with kids and more!

WHAT: Volunteer Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, February 21

TIME: 7:00PM

Location: Upper Room, Red Barn

For more info, contact Michelle at the Office of Faith Formation at 631-878-0009, ext. 5 or mpirraglia@sjecm.org

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

LENTEN LITURGICAL NOTES

The season of Lent calls us to a time of deeper reflection and repentance. We are called to do this in our own lives but also in how we pray liturgically. Read below and learn more:

- The Gloria (Glory to God) is not said or sung during Lent, except on the Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19th). We will sing the Gloria again at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and then again at the Easter Vigil. It is also sung on the Solemnity of the Assumption. Because that date—March 25th—is the Palm Sunday, the Solemnity of the Assumption is transferred to Monday, April 9, 2018.
- The Alleluia is omitted from all hymns and as the Gospel Acclamation during Masses. The Gospel acclamation is still sung but different words are used. This Lent, the refrain is, "Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ."
- We will use the Apostles' Creed instead of the Nicene Creed. The Roman Missal (#19) clearly encourages the use of the Apostles' Creed during the seasons of Lent and Easter. It is a good practice to get used to. These will be on cards inserted into *Breaking Bread*.
- We will use simple Mass settings during the season of Lent. We are working to have cards in the Breaking Bread hymnals that will have the music for these settings. (We learned from the last time we changed Mass settings in Advent.)
- During the time when the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward and the altar prepared, there will be no music—instrumental or otherwise. (We'll make an exception for Laetare Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Lent.) It is our hope this will help us to reflect more on what has been proclaimed and preached during the Liturgy of the Word and enter more fully into the sense of the Lenten season.
- During Weekday (Daily Mass), we will not sing an Entrance Hymn or a Closing Hymn as is our custom here.



"May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need."

- Pope Francis

Almsgiving in Lent

During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray, fast and give alms.

Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs.

And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who are hungry, and consider sharing your gifts with them.

One way to do this is by making a gift to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, which supports programs that help to feed people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs.



**2018 CMA Goal
\$100,600**

Pledges as of
2/11/18: \$12,090

**Donor Goal
400 Donors**

Donors as of
2/11/18:
30 Donors

For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

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

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Sister Ann Berendes, IHM + aberendes@sjecm.org + Director of Parish Social Ministry (631-878-0009 ext. 119)

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Helen Williams—hannah51@optonline.net

Communion to the Homebound: Sister Ann Berendes, IHM

Community Meal: Fr. John Sureau—jsureau@sjecm.org

Homeless Outreach: Alex Finta

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

We're here to help

Our parish, overall, and our parish social ministry, specifically, are here to serve you in any way we can.

If you are in need, please reach out to us at St. John's.

A great place to start is the Outreach Office coordinated by Sister Ann and our amazing volunteer ministers. Our Outreach Office is located in the Red Barn. Please call to make an appointment so we can connect you to our services here at SJE or link you to other services. **NEVER BE EMBARRASSED to reach out.** We may not be able to address every need. If we can't, we'll try to connect to someone who can assist you. Please always reach out to us here at SJE!

Office Hours (NOW LOCATED ON 2ND FLOOR OF BARN)

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Monday—Friday (Please call for an appointment.)

Food Pantry

Monday evenings: 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. + Thursday afternoons: 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Thrift Shop

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SJE STREET MINISTRY

The Street Ministry is continuously servicing 40-65 people each Thursday night! We are extremely grateful for all donations from St. John's parishioners that have kept us going. During the cold winter months, we are in need of the following items:

- **Long Johns L/XL (men's)**
- Blankets
- Socks (New)
- Underwear (New)
- Winter Hats
- Boots and sneakers
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Water
- **BACKPACKS**
- **Men's gloves**
- Size 4 or 5 diapers
- Razors/Shaving Kits



Financial donations are most welcome as they allow us to purchase items as they are needed. Sometimes things “come up” and we need to make a quick purchase. Checks may be made payable to St. John the Evangelist and donations can be left in the Parish Office.

The Street Ministry is in need of chefs! As the temperature has dropped, we have been running out of hot meals to give out. If you are interested in cooking a tray of food for us to bring out on Thursday nights, please contact Corinne Bernath at bernath52194@optonline.net or Alex Finta at afinta@sjecm.org or 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 (but not pasta)
Canned foods and meats
Toilet paper

Thank you for your continued
generosity.



*Cut out this list and
bring it with you when
you go shopping!*

Parish Social Ministry Memorial Cards NOW AVAILABLE

This is one way to honor one who has passed away. These cards allow you to express your sympathy while also benefitting the less fortunate in our local community. Each month we will celebrate Mass for all those remembered via the Memorial Cards. The names of those remembered will be periodically included in the bulletin. The memorial offering made will benefit Parish Outreach, our Homeless Initiative, Food Pantry and Thrift Shop and the many works of Parish Social Ministry at SJE.

To obtain a parish social ministry memorial card, visit the Rectory Office during regular hours or Parish Outreach from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, contact Sister Ann in the Parish Social Ministry Office.

Prison Families Anonymous

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me."

Matthew 25:35-36

Prison Families Anonymous welcomes anyone who now has, or ever had, a loved one involved in the juvenile or criminal justice system. At meetings, we share our experience, strength and hope. Here we offer information and assistance in navigating the criminal justice system. We encourage members to exchange phone numbers and when possible to carpool to upstate prisons.

Prison Families Anonymous (PFA)

Life becomes more difficult and stressful for family and friends when a loved one becomes incarcerated. Relationships and responsibilities can become strained and the dynamics within the family often change dramatically. The PFA Support Group provides a safe, non-judgmental place where those in similar situations can connect with each other. It provides compassion, support and information to family members during their very difficult times.

The Prison Families Anonymous Support Group
meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month
starting at 7:30 P.M. at the
Community Presbyterian Church
1843 Deer Park Avenue
Deer Park, NY 11729
Northeast corner of Deer Park and Lake Ave. Use rear door closest to parking lot.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Michael Clauberg + mclauberg@sjecm.org

Director of Youth Ministry (631-878-0009 ext. 205)

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Cub Scouts: Michael Hayes + cubscoutpack0800@gmail.com

EDGE (Middle School Youth Ministry): youth@sjecm.org

Life Teen (High School Youth Ministry): Michael Clauberg + mclauberg@sjecm.org

SJE Service Corps: Fr. John Sureau + jsureau@sjecm.org

Young Adult Ministry: youth@sjecm.org

Office Hours

Sundays: By appointment only

Monday: 4 to 6 / 7:30 to 9:00

Tuesdays: 4:30 to 8:30

Wednesdays: By appointment only

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Event Schedule February-March

Sunday- Come to our 5:30 PM Youth/Family Mass

Wednesday- Youth ministry activities 7:00-8:30

2/28/18- Lenten Check-up (games and sports)

3/14/18- Journeying in Lent and Game night
(Games and Sports)

3/28-18- Stations & Holy Week (games and sports)

LIFE TEEN HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

*Sundays: 5:30 Teen Mass followed by planned youth
ministry activities from 7:00—8:30.*

(Doors open @ 6:30)

February 18: A time to prepare

February 25: Chaos and Lent

March 4: Open Night-Lent Check up

March 11: Finding the Heart of God.

Summer Retreat: Steubenville, New York Conference:
July 20-22, 2018

Young Adult Ministry

Come be a part of the young adults in our area and
across the Diocese!

3/5-3/7 – Lenten Mission

3/13 – Talk and Social- How are we moving towards
the cross this lent?

4/10 – Reflection on the Resurrection

5/8 – Talk and Social

5/33 – BBQ @ Convent

6/12 – Talk and Social

6/26 –Talk and Social

Contact Mike

@ Mclauberg@sjecm.org
for more information.



**St. John's 2018
Multi-Parish
LENTEN
Teen Retreat**

**March
16, 17, & 18
Huntington Seminary**

**Contact:
(MIKE CLAUBERG)
Mclauberg@sjecm.org
Daily Rate: \$50.00
2-Night Stay: \$125
(Meals Included)**



YOUTH MINISTRY



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*Scouts celebrate Scout
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Thank you to 221, T-414, T
&P -23, P-2004. T &P-29 & T
& P 800 for Boy Scout
Sunday.



FAITH FORMATION

Phone: 631-878-0009, ext. 170 + Website: sjecm.org + Facebook: StJohn FaithFormation

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

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 11:00AM-12Noon, 1:00PM-4:30PM (RED BARN, Upstairs)

LEVELS 5 & 6

RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

Our grade-level reconciliation services for Grades 5 & 6 are coming up in March:

Level 5 – Saturday, March 3 @ 11:30AM,
Auditorium

Level 6 – Thursday, March 1 @ 7:00PM,
Auditorium



Thank you to all our Level 4 families who came out to our reconciliation service in January!



HELP WANTED: CAN YOU GIVE BACK?

Are you looking for a way to serve our community? We are always looking for parishioners to help teach our young people about the faith. You don't have to be a theologian —simply have a desire to share the faith and be willing to relate it to our youth. Can't make a weekly commitment? Perhaps you can be a part of our substitute catechist group! Right now, we are in need of a Level 4 and a Level 8 catechist. **If you are interested, please contact Michelle at 631-878-0009. ext. 5 or via email at mpirraglia@sjecm.org.**



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Join us for our Adult Faith Formation Course on

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

in celebration of 25 years of the Catechism.

Part 1 will be on Thursdays at 7:00pm
in the Upper Room of the Red Barn

CATECHISM
OF THE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH
SECOND EDITION



THURSDAYS

February 22

March 1

March 8

March 15

March 22

Presenters will include: Fr. Mike Plona, Paul Clores, Fr. John Sureau, and Michelle Pirraglia.

For more information or to register, contact Paul Clores at pclores@SJEcm.org or call (631) - 878 - 0009 x113 or complete the form below.

Yes, please sign me up!

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail _____@_____

A \$20 free will offering is requested of all who attend the class.

This Week's Music

The readings for today's liturgies are now found in our *Breaking Bread Hymnal*.

Scheduled Hymns for 2/17 and 2/18

Entrance Hymn: #717, Litany of the Saints

Preparation Hymn: None

Communion Hymn: #364, I Am the Bread of Life

Closing Hymn: #132, From the Depths we Cry to Thee

Adult Choir: Practice Tuesdays @ 7PM

Children's Choir: Practice Wednesdays @ 6PM

Youth Choir: Practice Sundays @ 4PM

Low Gluten Host Available

Low Gluten Hosts (less than .01% gluten content) are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. If you need to receive Holy Communion using a low-gluten host, please stop in the sacristy before Mass to discuss this with the priest and see if this will be acceptable for you and/or your child. If you cannot receive the low-gluten host, we can offer a separate chalice for you. We will be happy to accommodate you if we can. Please let us know.

SINNERS WELCOME and WANTED!

Come and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation! Daily after the 7 a.m. and 12 Noon Masses and after the 8 a.m. Mass on Saturday (*Please wait in the lobby of the convent building*)

Confessions are also heard on

Saturdays from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Saturdays from 7 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.* (Spanish/English)

Sundays from 5:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.*

**Please note new times.*

Diocesan Day of Reconciliation

Monday, March 26, 2018 - 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Good Friday, March 30, 2018 — 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday, March 31, 2018 — 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Of course, you may call the Parish Office and make an appointment with one of our priests.



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 - 6:45 PM en la Iglesia

Bautismos: Segundo Domingo a las 2p.m. en la Iglesia.

Clases pre-bautismos es el primero martes 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: Domingo 7:30Pm en la Iglesia.

R.I.C.A (Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos):

Padre Michael 1-631.878.0009

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



Stewardship

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

- Psalm 116:2

Sunday 2/4/18: \$13,153

(2017: \$11,874)

Parish Improvements: \$1,460

(2017: \$1,242)

SJE WEAR



**We have SJE
T-shirts (\$10.00)
and
sweatshirts
(\$25.00)
available for sale.
You can pick one up
at the Rectory
during
regular office hours.**

All Parish offices will be closed

Monday, February 19th

In observation of President's Day.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Second Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Genesis 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18

God puts Abraham to the test.

Responsorial Psalm: PS 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

Second Reading: Romans 8:31B-34

God, sacrificing even his Son for us, will grant us victory.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James and John.

Discussion Questions

1. Sometimes new things can make us fearful because we are not the ones in charge. We feel more secure when we have things under our control. Is it hard to abandon yourself to blind trust? What within you can help you with that trust?
2. How does intervening "for" someone, taking a stand for him or her, relate to the commandment, "love your neighbor?" For whom can you intervene? Do you ever do it?
3. It took a blinding light for Peter, James and John to begin to see some hint of who Jesus was. Think of some problems in your country that need such illumination (for instance, immigration, human trafficking, environment). What needs to happen in these areas before you would be able to see something divine in them?



ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation? If you are a baptized Catholic, but have not been fully initiated, we offer a process for those who desire to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.



For adults who desire more information, contact Suzan Fitzpatrick at rcia@sjecm.org. For teenagers and their families who desire more information, contact the Faith Formation Office at 631-878-0009, ext. 170 or e-mail to faithformation@sjecm.org.

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.

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:

John James Sikora

We Remember...

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

-Entrance Antiphon, Funeral Mass

Philomena Vigliotta, Frank Zwick

We Pray...

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

-1 Peter 1:6

Ada Palladino, Maria Palazzolo,
Marie E. Gordon, S, Rosemarie Pugliese

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

SPC. Daniel Smith

PVT Bailey Meyer

US Air Force

SSgt. Jason M. Hermes

SRA Ryan Kerstiens, SRA Timothy Kerstiens

PFC Kyle Kerstien

US Marine Corps

Pfc Sean Brady, Patrick Kimes,

Lt. Col. Robert K. Maldonado.

L/Cpl. Quentin Montemarano

LCL Andrew Schlosberg

MAJ Stephen Bartoszak

PVT Charles O'Connor

US Navy

STGCS Brian Holzmacher

ET3 Jeremiah Nolan, 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

RBMR—Red Barn—1st Floor Meeting Room
RBUR—Upper Room

Monday, February 19, 2018

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
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Tuesday, February 20, 2018

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
9:30 a.m.	Scripture Study	RBMR
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Divine Will Prayer Group	Seton Chapel
7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
9:00 a.m.	Thrift Shop Open	Thrift Shop
6:00 p.m.	Troop 800 Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts	Cafeteria
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Middle School Nights	Auditorium
7:30 p.m.	Wedding Prep Night	Seton Chapel

Thursday, February 22, 2018

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	RBMR
5:00 p.m.	Street Ministry	Seton Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Adult Formation Class- Part 1	RBUR
7:30 p.m.	Spanish Pre-Cana	RBMR
9:00 p.m.	Street Ministry	Seton Chapel

Friday, February 23, 2018

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	RBMR

Saturday, February 24, 2018

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
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Sunday, February 25, 2018

6:30 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	RBMR
8:00 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (Men's)	RBMR

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, February 19, 2018

Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m.	Lise B. Frielinghaus
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12 Noon	John DeLuca
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Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m.	George L. Werner Jr.
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12 Noon	John DeLuca
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7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available
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Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Lenten Weekday

St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m.	Vivian Cordeiro
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12 Noon	Rod Rogers
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Thursday, February 22, 2018

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

7:00 a.m.	Special Intention- Kathy Frazer
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12 Noon	Myrna Koolman
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Friday, February 23, 2018

Lenten Weekday

St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

7:00 a.m.	Teresa Semkow
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12 Noon	Carmella Marrazzo
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Saturday, February 24, 2018

Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m.	John DeLuca
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Second Sunday of Lent

Mass of Anticipation

5:00 p.m.	Joseph J. Herbst
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7:30 p.m.	Intention Still Available
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Sunday

7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
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9:00 a.m.	Fred Meyer
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10:30 a.m.	Frank Messina
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12:00 p.m.	Mildred McKnight
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5:30 p.m.	Fred Meyer
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